

POISONOUS PLANTS TO AVOID

The following list is not a complete guide to poisonous plants. It contains some of those plants commonly causing symptoms in children. If a child is exposed to a plant, ring the Victorian Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 for advice.

<i>Abrus precatorius</i>	Jequirity bean, Gidee gidee, Crab's eyes
<i>Asclepias curassavica</i>	Red-headed cotton bush
<i>Asclepias physocarpa</i>	Balloon cotton bush
<i>Acokanthera species</i>	Bushman's poison, Wintersweet
<i>Apocynum species</i>	Dogbane
<i>Atropa belladonna</i>	Deadly nightshade, Belladonna
<i>Brugmansia</i>	Angel's trumpet
<i>Cestrum diurnum</i>	Jessamine, Day-blooming cestrum
<i>Cestrum nocturnum</i>	Night jessamine, Lady of the night
<i>Colchicum autumnale</i>	Crocus, Autumn crocus, Meadow saffron
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Hemlock, Carrot fern, Water dropwort
<i>Consolida orientalis</i>	Larkspur
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily-of-the-valley
<i>Daphne</i>	Daphne, Garland flower, Spurge laurel, Mezereon
<i>Datura species</i>	Angel's trumpet
<i>Datura metel</i>	Horn of plenty, Downy thorn apple
<i>Datura stramonium</i>	Jamestown weed, Jimson weed, Common thorn apple
<i>Delphinium species</i>	Delphinium
<i>Dieffenbachia</i>	Dumb cane
<i>Digitalis</i>	Foxglove
<i>Duranta</i>	Golden dewdrop, Sky flower
<i>Gloriosa superba</i>	Glory lil
<i>Gomphocarpus physocarpus</i>	Balloon cotton bush
<i>Helleborus</i>	Hellebore, Christmas rose, Lenten rose
<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	Henbane, Black henbane
<i>Jaltropha multifida</i>	Coral plant, Physic nut
<i>Laburnum species</i>	Laburnum, Canary Island broom, Madeira broom, White Spanish broom, Sweet broom, Tagasaste, Tree lucerne, Purple broom, Fragrant broom, Scotch broom, English broom, Common broom, Golden chain
<i>Lantana camara</i>	Lantana, Shrub verbena, Wild sage, Bunchberry, Yellow sage, Red sage, Vandreblofst
<i>Lobelia</i>	Lobelia, Indian pink, Cardinal flower, Indian tobacco
<i>Macrozamia species, Cycas species</i>	Cycad, Zamia

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Ornithogalum	Star of Bethlehem, Giant chinchinchee, Common star of Bethlehem, Chinchinchee
Rhodomyrtus macrocarpa	Finger cherry, Cooktown loquat, Wannakae
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common name(s)'	botanical name	toxic part(s)	toxicity
Aconite or Monkshood	<i>Aconitum napellus</i>	(all parts)	3
African milk bush	<i>Synadentum grantfi</i>	(sap)	2,1
Agapanthus or African blue lily	<i>Agapanthus orientalis</i>	(sap)	1
Allamanda	<i>Allamanda</i> spp.	(fruit)	2
Almond	<i>Prunus dulcis</i>	(kernel - bitter type)	3
Angel's trumpet	<i>Datura arborea</i>	(nectar, seeds)	3
Apple	<i>Malus</i> spp.	(leaves, seeds in large amounts)	3
Apple-of-Sodom	<i>Solanum sodomaeum</i>	(fruit)	3
Apricot	<i>Prunus armeniaca</i>	(kernel in large amounts)	3
Arum lily - see Calla lily			-
Belladonna lily	<i>Amaryllis belladonna</i>	(bulb)	2
Bird-of-Paradise plant	<i>Poinciana gilliesii</i>	(unripe seed pod)	2
Bittersweet or Woody Nightshade	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	(berries)	2
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	(all parts)	1
Black bean or Moreton Bay chestnut	<i>Castanospermum australe</i>	(seeds)	2
Black locust or Robinia	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	(all parts)	2
Black nightshade or Blackberry nightshade	<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	(green fruit)	3
Bluebell	<i>Scilla nonscripta</i>	(bulb)	2
Buttercups	<i>Ranunculus</i> spp.	(all parts)	1
Butterfly iris	<i>Moraea</i> spp.	(all parts)	2
Caladium	<i>Caladium</i> spp.	(all parts)	1
Calico bush	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	(all parts)	2
Calla lily or White Arum lily	<i>Zantedeschia aethippica</i>	(all parts esp. spike)	3
Cape honey flower	<i>Melianthus comosus</i>	(root especially)	2
Cape lilac or White cedar	<i>Melia azedarach</i>	fruit, leaf, bark and twers)	3
Cape lily - see Spider lily			-
Cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	(all parts)	3
Carrot fern - see Hemlock			-
Cassava	<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	(raw roots)	2
Castor oil plant	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	(seeds: 2-8)	3

species

- 1 can cause dermatitis or irritate skin on contact
- 2 toxic but no deaths and/or poisonings reported
- 3 deaths reported

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