

## AUSTRALIAN POISONOUS PLANTS

### Toxicity Rating:

- Deaths recorded and/or cause severe reactions
- Can cause dermatitis or irritate skin on contact



COMMON NAME	DESCRIPTION	TOXIC PARTS	Toxicity Rating
<b>A</b>			
Aconite or Monkshead	Long, rough stem with purple flowers	All parts	●
African Milk Bush <i>Synadenium grentii</i>		Sap is corrosive; all other parts are poisonous if ingested	●
Agapanthus <i>Agapanthus orientalis</i>		Leaves; acute skin irritation	●
Angel's Trumpet	Creamy white flowers trumpet shaped	Nectar, seeds	●
Apple		Leaves, seeds in large amounts	●
Arum Lily	Creamy white tubular flowers	All parts	●
Autumn Crocus <i>Colchicum autumnale</i>		All parts are poisonous if ingested	●
Avocado		Leaves	●
Azalea <i>Rhododendron</i>		All parts are poisonous if ingested	●
<b>B</b>			
Bay Tree Sweet Bay <i>Laurus nobilis</i>		Berries poisonous (leaves are a culinary herb)	●
Bird of Paradise <i>Poinciana gilliesii</i>		Seeds and green seed pods are toxic	●
Black Locust <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>		Seeds and other parts of plants are poisonous if ingested	●
Black Nightshade or Blackberry Nightshade		Green fruit/berries	●
Bluebell	Blue to white tubular flowers	Bulb	●
Box <i>Buxus sempervirens</i>		All parts are poisonous if ingested	●
Butterfly Iris	Flowers white with yellow or purple markings, Honey scented, Fruits are cylindrical capsules	All parts	●



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<b>C</b>			
Cafta or Arabian Tea		All parts	•
Calla Lily	Creamy bell shaped flower	All parts	•
Cape Lilac <i>Colchicum autumnale</i>		Seeds are poisonous if ingested; Fruit	•
Cardinal Flower		All parts	•
Carolina Jasmine	Yellow tubular flowers (perfumed), Leaves long narrow	All parts	•
Castor Oil Plant	Pointed dark green leaves with red veins, Spiky red flower	Seeds, few	•
Christmas Rose	White flower with yellow stamens	All parts	•
Cotoneaster		Fruit (red berries)	
Cow's Udder Plant	Green broad leaves with bright yellow fruit shaped like cows' udder	Unripe fruit/leaves	•
Crab Apple	Small white tubular flowers/apple shaped fruit 1-2cm	Leaves, seeds in large amounts	•
Cunjevoi	Wide glossy leaves hood shaped flower (usually found in rainforests)	All parts	• ○
<b>D</b>			
Daffodil	Tall stemmed, yellow flowering plants	Sap and bulb	○
Daphne	Leaves 4-20mm long, Flowers honey scented, White tubular, Fruits are yellow to red	Berries	○
Deadly Nightshade (also known as Belladonna)	Small deep purple berries attached to star shaped base	Berries: few	•
Death Cap Mushroom (World's most poisonous mushroom)	Looks very much like a field mushroom but has cup at base of stalk	All NB: Mushrooms that have redness on are also toxic	•
Dumbcane	Indoor plant	Berries:few	•
Duranta or Golden Dewdrop	Yellow berries	Berries	•
<b>E</b>			
Elephant's Ear or Taro		Root	○
English Yew	Small narrow pointed leaves with red berries	Seeds, leaves	•
<b>F</b>			
Fly Agaric Mushroom (see also Death Cap)	Fungi with a cup at base of the stalk, May have some	All parts	•



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	redness		
Foxglove	Flowers are purplish white to pale pink, Fruits are dry rounded capsules	All parts	•
Frangipani		Sap	•
<b>G</b>			
Gidgee-Gidgee, Crab's Eye or Rosary Pea	Bright red and black seeds in pods	All parts, especially seeds	• ○
Glory Lily	Flowers are red tubular, about 10cm long	All parts, especially root	•
Golden Chalice		Sap, leaves, flowers	○
Golden Dewdrop	Yellow Berries	All parts, especially fruit	•
Golden Top (Mushroom)	Fungi with a cup at base of stalk, May have some redness	All parts	•
<b>H</b>			
Hemlock NB Children have been known to use these as pea shooters or whistles	Hollow stems, Leaves look like parsley, Roots look like parsnip, White flowers	All parts, large amounts	•
Henbane	Hairy plant with an unpleasant smell	All parts	•
<b>I</b>			
Italian Arum		Sap, especially in berries	○
<b>J</b>			
Japanese Pepper Tree Japanese Wax Tree Jessamine		Fruit: large amounts	○
Jonquil	Small fragrant yellow or white flowers (look like small daffodils)	Sap and bulb	○
<b>L</b>			
Laburnum	Tree with drooping golden flowers	All parts	•
Lantana		Berries, green fruit	•
Larkspur	Bright purple flowers	Seeds, seedlings	•
Lily of the Valley	White bell shaped flowers, Large green leaves	All parts	•
Lobelia	Plant with bright, especially blue flowers	All parts	•
Lords and Ladies		Sap	○
<b>M</b>			
Madiera Winter Cherry		Berries	•



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Mushrooms (see golden top, fly agaric and death cap)			•
<b>N</b>			
Naked Lady <i>Euphorbia tirucalli</i>		All parts, especially milky sap on skin or in eyes	•
Nightshades <i>Solanum dulcamara</i> <u>or</u> <i>Solanum nigrum</i>		All parts, especially green fruit/berries	•
<b>O</b>			
Oleander (see also yellow oleander)	A shrub 2-6m high, Evergreen, Flowers can be white or pink through to dark red	All parts	•
<b>P</b>			
Peach		Kernel, flower, leaf, back	•
Poinsettia	Plant with large scarlet bracts (leaf like) surrounding small yellow flowers	Sap	• ○
Poison Ivy	American climbing plant secreting an irritant oil from its leaves	Sap, leaves, fruit	•
Potatoes (green)	Potatoes that have a green colour to them contain a poison called solanine. NB If cut away they are safe to eat	Greek skin and shoots	•
<b>S</b>			
Stone Fruit <i>Apricot, Cherry Peach, Plum</i>		The kernel contains a compound d that releases cyanide when eaten	
Sweet Pea <i>Lathyrus odoratus</i>		Seeds	
<b>R</b>			
Rhubarb	Plant with long fleshy read leave stalks	Leaf, blade	•
Rhus Tree/Smoke Tree	Deciduous tree that turns a beautiful deep red in Autumn (same family as poison ivy)	All parts	○
Rosary Pea <i>Arbus precatorious</i>		Seed	•
<b>T</b>			
Tie Brush	Orangey/ red fruit, Small flowers	Fruit	•
Toadstools (also see	Round top/ slender stalk	All parts	•



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Mushrooms)			
Tomato		Green parts of fruit, leaves and vines	•
Tree Tobacco		Leaves and flowers	•
<b>W</b>			
White Cedar Tree	Bark dark brown with greyish ridges, Leaves 2-7cm long, Flowers lilac, Fruit yellowish brown and oval shaped	Fruit, leaf, bark, flowers	•
Wintersweet		Fruit and plant	• ○
<b>Y</b>			
Yellow Oleander	Long thin waxy leaves, Yellow flowers	All parts	•
Yew Tree	Dark leaved evergreen tree bearing berry-like cones	Seed in pod	•
<b>Z</b>			
Zamia Palm Cycads, <i>Macrozamia</i>		Seed is poisonous if ingested	•

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