



Common Poisonous Weeds and Wildflowers



Name	Range	Toxicity Level	Clinical Signs
Bracken Fern	Forested Areas	Low	Emaciation, Incoordination, Depression, Blindness
Buttercup	Wet Areas in N. America	Variable	Diarrhea, Salvation
Caster-oil Plant	Tropical Areas	High	Constipation or Diarrhea, No appetite, Labored breathing, Sweating, Death
Death Camas	Throughout N. America	Moderate to High	Stiff-leggedness, Hypersensitivity, Weakness, Convulsions
Fiddleneck	Pacific Coast	Moderate	Weight loss, Jaundice, Anemia, Photosensitivity, Liver failure
Foxglove	Western United States	High	Diarrhea, Labored rapid breathing, Cardiac irregularities
Hound's-tongue	Throughout N. America	High	Weakness, Liver failure, Incoordination, Yellow mucus membranes
Jimsonweed	Throughout N. America	Moderate	Excitability than Depression, Dilation of pupils, Colic, Diarrhea
Johnsongrass	Southern States	Moderate	Urinary incontinence, Bladder infection, weakness of hind legs, Staggering gate
Larkspur	Midwest, Western U.S.	Low	Hypersensitivity, Trembling, Collapse, Convulsions
Locoweed	Southwest, Western N. America	High	"loco" behavior, Incoordination, Odd head carriage, Weight loss
Milkweed	Throughout N. America	High	Incoordination, Depression, Shallow Breathing, Unsteadiness, Coma, Heart irregularity
Monkshood	Midwest, Western U.S.	High	Hypersensitivity, Trembling, Collapse, Convulsions
Nightshade	Throughout N. America	Moderate	Trembling, Incoordination, Diarrhea, Colic
Poison Hemlock	Throughout N. America	High	Trembling, Incoordination, Salivation, Colic, Shallow breathing, Coma
Pokeweed	Eastern, Southern U.S.	Low	Diarrhea
Ragwort/Groundsel	Throughout N. America	High	Weakness, Liver failure, Incoordination, Yellow mucus membranes
Sagebrush	Western N. America	Low to Moderate	Forelimb incoordination, Falling, Excitability
Saint-John's Wort/ Klamath Weed	Plains, Western States	Moderate	Photosensitivity
Water Hemlock	Throughout N. America	Very High	Violent spasms, Rapid respiration and heart rate, Coma, Death
White Snakeroot	Wooded/Shaded areas in Eastern and Southern U.S.	High	Spread-legged stance, Sweating, Stumbling, Congestive heart failure
Yellowstar Thistle/ Russian Knapweed	Western U.S.	Low	Inability to chew and swallow food, tongue lolling, "grinning" expression, Death from starvation



Common Poisonous Shrubs and Trees



Shrubs	Range	Danger	Toxicity Level	Clinical Signs
Azalea/Laurel/ Rhododendron	Throughout N. America	All parts of plant	Moderate	Acute colic, Diarrhea, Excessive salivation, Depression, Incoordination, Stupor, Heart irregularity
Oleander	Southern U.S.	All parts of plant Fresh or dried	Very High	Colic, Sweating, Bloody Diarrhea, Difficult breathing, Arrhythmia
Yellow Oleander	Southern U.S.	All parts of plant	Very High	Colic, Sweating, Bloody Diarrhea, Difficult breathing, Arrhythmia, Tetany
Yew	Throughout U.S.	All parts of plant Fresh or dried	Very High	Heart irregularity, Nervousness, Difficult breathing, Incoordination, Convulsions, Death
Trees				
Avocado	Southern U.S.	Fruit, Seeds, Leaves	Moderate	Diarrhea, Colic, Edema, Non-infectious mastitis in lactating mares
Black Locust	Throughout U.S. Southern Canada	Bark and seeds, New growth is most toxic	Moderate	Diarrhea or Constipation, appetite loss, stupor, laminitis
Black Walnut	Northeastern, Central U.S.	Wood shavings used as bedding	High	Edema in legs, Increased heart/respiratory rates, increases temperature, Laminitis
Choke Cherry/Wild Black Cherry	Throughout U.S.	Very young or wilted leaves, if eaten in large quantities	Low	Tremors, Frequent urination/defecation, gasping, convulsions
Horse Chestnut/ Buckeye	Eastern, Southern U.S.	Sprouts. Leaves, Seeds	Moderate	Muscles tremors, incoordination
Oak	Throughout N. America	Young leaves, Acorns, Bark	Variable	Colic, Constipation followed by bloody diarrhea, frequent urination, Kidney failure
Red Maple	Eastern Half of U.S.	Wilted or dried leaves, bark	High	Dark/discolored mucus membranes, brown/red urine. Depression, Colic