



Toxic Plants and Trees

Amaryllis	Delphinium	Mistletoe	Prune Trees
Andromeda	Dieffenbachia	Mock Orange	Purple Seabane
Avocado	Elderberry	Monkshood	Ranunculus
Azalea	Elephant Ear	Morning Glory	Red Maple
Baneberry	Eucalyptus-dried	Mountain Laurel	Rhubarb Leaves
Bean Plant	Euonymus	Mushrooms	Rhododendrons
Belladonna	Felt Plant	Narcissus	Rubber Plant
Bird of Paradise	Ficus	Nectarine Trees	Sandbox Tree
Black Locust	Firethorn	Nettles	Shamrocks
Bleeding Heart	Flame Tree	Nightshade	Skunk Cabbage
Boxwood	Four O' Clocks	Oak Trees	Snowdrop
Bulb Flowers	Foxglove	Oleander	Sorrel
Buttercup	Heliotrope	Peach Tree	Spurges
Braken Fern	Holly	Periwinkle	Sweet Pea
Caladium	Honeysuckle	Philodendron	Tobacco
Clover	Hyacinth	Pigweed	Trumpet Vines
Coffee Plants	Hydrangea	Plum Trees	Tomato Plants
Cherry Tree	Iris	Poinsettia	Vetch
Chestnut Tree	Ivy	Poison Ivy	Wattle
Clematis	Jasmine	Poison Oak	White Cedar
Coral Plant	Jerusalem Cherry	Poison Sumac	Wisteria
Cowslip	Jimsonweed	Pokeweed	Wild Sunflowers
Crownvetch	Juniper	Potato Plants	White Cedar Tree
Daffodil	May Apple	Pothos	Yews
Daphne	Milkweed	Privet Hedge	Nutmeg
Marigold	****	****	****



Toxic Plant	Toxic part(s)	Specific Toxin(s)	Symptoms
Avocado (<i>Persea americana</i>)	Pit, leaves, unripe fruit, stems	Unknown but related to cardiac toxicity	Weakness, inability to perch, labored breathing, feather fluffing
Black locust (<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>)	Bark, leaves, seeds	Robitin, robin	Vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, depression, collapse
Blue-green algae (<i>Microcystis aeruginosa</i>)	All parts	Anatoxin A, microcystin	Inability to swim or fly, abnormal posture, frequent defecation, respiratory arrest
Calla lily (<i>Zantedeschia aethiopia</i>)	All parts	Oxalates	Oral irritation, difficulty swallowing, vomiting Vomiting, diarrhea (may be bloody) Note: similar symptoms may be seen with ingested prayer beans, rosary peas or Seminole beads used in beadwork and rattles)
Castor bean (<i>Ricinus communis</i>)	All parts	Ricin I & II, glycosidase	Vomiting, diarrhea, irregular or rapid heart rate, difficulty swallowing, labored breathing, dilated pupils, no urine production, paralysis, seizures
Christmas cherry (<i>Solanum pseudocapsicum</i>)	All parts including tubers and unripened fruit	Solanine, atropine-like alkaloids, saponins	Nervous system stimulation, increased rate of breathing and heart rate, seizures, diarrhea
Coffee beans, (<i>Sesbania drumundii</i>), Tea, Chocolate Beans (coffee)	Leaves (tea), all chocolates especially dark	Caffeine, theobromine, theophylline	Oral irritation, difficulty swallowing, vomiting Vomiting, diarrhea, irregular or rapid heart rate, difficulty swallowing, labored breathing, dilated pupils, no urine production, paralysis, seizures
Diffenbachia (<i>Diffenbachia</i> spp.)	All parts	Oxalates	Oral irritation, difficulty swallowing, vomiting
Eggplant (<i>Solanum melongena</i>)	Stem, leaves, sprouts (ripe fruits are OK)	Solanine, atropine-like alkaloids	Oral irritation, difficulty swallowing, vomiting
Elephant's ear (<i>Colocasia</i> or <i>Alocasia</i> spp.)	All parts	Oxalates	Poor blood supply to extremities,
Ergot (<i>Claviceps</i>)	All parts	Ergopeptide	



purpurea)		alkaloids	hyperexcitability, seizures
Foxglove (<i>Digitalis pupurea</i>)	Entire plant, including water from pot or vase	Glycosides, digitalis	Vomiting, diarrhea, oral irritation, incoordination, irregular heart rate, collapse
Jerusalem cherry (<i>Solanum pseudocapsicum</i>)	All parts, including tubers, sprouts, and unripe berries	Solanine, atropine	Vomiting, diarrhea, irregular or rapid heart rate, difficulty swallowing, labored breathing, no urine production, paralysis, seizures
Jimsonweed (<i>Datura</i> spp.)	All parts, especially seeds and leaves	Atropine, scopolamine, hyoscyamine	Irregular or rapid heart rate, difficulty swallowing, labored breathing, dilated pupils, no urine production, paralysis, seizures
Lily of the valley (<i>Convallaria majalis</i>)	All parts	Cardiac glycosides: convallatoxin	Vomiting, diarrhea, oral irritation, incoordination, irregular heart rate, collapse
Locoweed (<i>Astragalus emoryanus</i>)	Leaves	Swainsonine, alkaloids	Hyperexcitability, incoordination, vomiting, drowsiness
Milkweed (<i>Asclepias</i> spp.)	All parts and latex (milky juice)	Cardenoloids (cardiac glycosides)	Oral and/or facial blisters, irregular heart rate, incoordination, collapse
Mistletoe (<i>Phoradendron villosum</i>)	All parts, especially holly berries	Viscumin, viscotoxin	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, labored breathing, irregular heart rate, collapse
Nightshade (<i>Solanum</i> spp.)	All parts	Belladonna, atropine-like alkaloids	Vomiting, diarrhea, irregular or rapid heart rate, difficulty swallowing, labored breathing, dilated pupils, no urine production, paralysis, seizures
Oak (<i>Quercus</i> spp.)	All parts	Tannins	Loss of appetite, diarrhea, increased thirst
Oleander (<i>Nerium oleander</i>)	All parts	Glycosides: oleandrum, neroside	Vomiting, diarrhea, oral irritation, incoordination, irregular heart rate, collapse
Philodendron (<i>Philodendron scandens</i>)	All parts, including roots	Oxalates	Oral irritation, difficulty swallowing, vomiting
Pokeweed (<i>Phytolacca americana</i>)	Roots, leaves, berries	Saponin	Vomiting, tremors, collapse



Potatoes (<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>)	Stem, leaves, sprouts, green skins	Solanine, atropine-like alkaloids	Vomiting, diarrhea, irregular or rapid heart rate, difficulty swallowing, labored breathing, dilated pupils, no urine production, paralysis, seizures
Rhododendron (<i>Rhododendron simsii</i>), Rhododendron species (Azalea)	All parts	Andromedotoxin, grayanotoxin	Vomiting, weakness, collapse, seizure, stupor, coma
Tobacco (<i>Nicotiana</i> spp.)	All parts	Nicotine	Vomiting, diarrhea, hyperexcitability, seizures, muscle twitching, coughing, eye irritation
Tomatoes (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>)	Stem, leaves, sprouts (ripe fruits are OK)	Solanine, atropine-like alkaloids	Vomiting, diarrhea, irregular or rapid heart rate, difficulty swallowing, labored breathing, dilated pupils, no urine production, paralysis, seizures
Virginia creeper (<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>)	Berries, leaves	Oxalic acid	Vomiting, diarrhea (possibly bloody), drowsiness, stupor, renal failure
Yew (<i>Taxus media</i>)	Wood, bark, seeds, leaves	Alkaloids (taxines)	Muscle tremors, difficulty breathing, collapse, sudden death

Toxic Natural Woods – DO NOT USE

- Avocado
- Boxwood
- Cedar
- Candelabra Tree
- Cherry Tree
- Chestnut
- Chinaberry
- Crown of Thorns
- Eucalyptus*
- Holly
- Kentucky Coffee



- Locust
- Mountain Laurel
- Oak*
- Oleander
- Pencil Tree
- Rain Tree
- Red Maple
- Snow on Mountain
- Spurges

Note: *Eucalyptus and Oak appear on both the toxic and the safe lists. In 9 out of 10 sources they were listed as safe. In one source they were listed as toxic. Because of this, we suggest that you use caution when using either one.

Toxic Plants

- Acokanthera
- Amaryllis
- Angel's Trumpet
- Apricot Seeds (Plant)
- Apple Seeds (Plant)
- Avocado
- Balsam Pear
- Baneberry
- Belladonna (Nightshade)
- Bird of Paradise
- Bittersweet
- Black Locust
- Boxwood
- Bracken Fern
- Buckthorn
- Burdock
- Buttercup
- Caladium
- Calla Lily
- Cat Claw Acacia
- Caster Bean
- Cherry Pits (Plant)
- Chinaberry



- Clematis
- Coffee Bean
- Coral Plant
- Crocus
- Cactus (Sago Cactus)
- Daphne
- Death Camas
- Delphinium
- Devil's Ivy
- Dieffenbachia
- Eggplant
- Elderberry
- Elephant's Ears
- European Pennyroyal
- Figs
- Four O'Clocks
- Foxglove
- Heliotrope
- Henbane
- Holly
- Horse Chestnut
- Horse Nettle
- Hydrangea
- Ivy
- Jack-in-the-Pulpit
- Jerusalem Cherry
- Jasmine (Yellow)
- Jimson Weed
- Jonquil
- Lantana
- Lorel
- Lily of the Valley
- Lobelia
- Loco Weed
- Lupine
- Marijuana
- Mistletoe
- Mock Orange
- Monkshood
- Morning Glory



- Mushroom
- Narcissus
- Oak
- Oleander
- Pear Seeds (Plant)
- Peony
- Periwinkle
- Peyote
- Philodendron
- Pigweed
- Plum
- Poison Hemlock
- Poison Ivy
- Poison Oak
- Poison Sumac
- Poinsettia
- Poppy
- Pokeweed
- Potato Eye
- Pothos
- Primrose
- Privet
- Ragwort
- Red Maple

Toxic List

This *isn't a complete list* by any means. Be aware of anything with a strong smell and just don't use it if in doubt. Another thing to be aware of is things going on in your neighborhood... if someone is painting or grilling out... if there is a [**lawn chemical company spraying yards**](#), please make sure *windows and doors are closed*.

Please **read all labels of cleaning items** that you use in your house... most are toxic to birds.

Here is a list of things

- *Asbestos*
- *Ammonia*



- Bleach/Chlorine
- Carbon Monoxide
- Cigarette Smoke
- Diazanone
- Dryer Sheets
- Febreze
- Flea Bombs/Collars
- Topical Flea Killers (such as the drops you put on the dogs and cats)
- Floor Polishes
- Formaldehyde (new rugs and some materials need to be aired out before bringing them into the home as they are treated with Formaldehydenew furniture that has been treated with stain resistance)
- Furniture and Rug Shampoo
- Hair Dye
- Hair Spray
- House Paint (actually ANY kind of paint or varnish)
- Kerosene
- Matches
- Moth Balls
- Nail Polish
- Nail Polish Remover
- Oil Paint
- Oven Cleaner
- Paint Remover
- Perfumes
- Permanent Wave Solution
- Pesticides
- Rug Deodorizers (like carpet fresh)
- Shoe Polish and Cleaners
- Self-Cleaning Ovens
- Scented Candles
- Spot Removers



- *Spray Starch*
- *Suntan Lotions*
- *Surgical Acrylics*
- *Toilet Cleaners*
- *TEFLON COOKWARE (Just throw it out ..Don't take any chances by leaving even one pan in your house to be used by accident!)*
- *Wax*

Among the most common foods that are toxic to birds are:

- Avocado. The leaves of the avocado plant contain persin, a fatty acid-like substance that kills fungus in the plant. ...
- Caffeine. ...
- Chocolate. ...
- Salt. ...
- Fat. ...
- Fruit pits and apple seeds. ...
- Onions and garlic. ...
- Xylitol.