

# Illinois Poisonous Plants



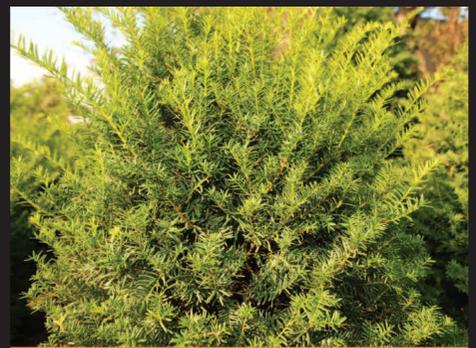
nightshade *Solanum spp.*  
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pokeweed *Phytolacca americana*  
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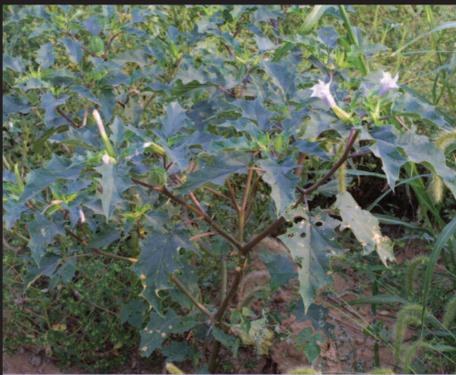
delphinium or larkspur *Delphinium spp.*  
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Canada yew *Taxus canadensis*  
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philodendron *Philodendron spp.*  
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jimsonweed *Datura spp.*  
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azalea, vegetation only



foxglove *Digitalis purpurea*  
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dieffenbachia *Dieffenbachia spp.*  
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poison hemlock *Conium maculatum*  
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azalea, in bloom *Rhododendron spp.*



lily-of-the-valley *Convallaria majalis*  
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mother-in-law's tongue or snake plant *Sansevieria spp.*  
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poison ivy *Toxicodendron radicans*  
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rhododendron *Rhododendron spp.*  
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morning-glory *Ipomoea spp.*  
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American holly *Ilex opaca*  
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The species shown on this poster are poisonous plants commonly found in Illinois. They were selected for inclusion by staff at the Illinois Poison Center as representatives of plants most frequently involved in poisoning incidents in our state. There are many other poisonous plants growing naturally in Illinois and cultivated in homes and gardens. Caution should be used when selecting plants for the home or garden. Although toxicity varies in poisonous plants, children, people with developmental disabilities and pets are at risk of eating large amounts of the plant(s). By ingesting more of the plant(s), the level of toxicity may be increased. Always wash your hands thoroughly after touching any of these plants, fresh or dried.

For more information and an expanded list of toxic plants, visit  
[www.IllinoisPoisonCenter.org](http://www.IllinoisPoisonCenter.org).

For free poison prevention education training and materials, go to  
[www.IllinoisPoisonCenter.org/outreach](http://www.IllinoisPoisonCenter.org/outreach).

If you have questions and/or need treatment advice, contact the  
**Illinois Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222.**

The Illinois Poison Center encourages people to learn the names of plants in and around their home. Label each plant with the correct common and botanical names. Consult a local greenhouse, plant nursery or florist to identify unknown plants. This information is critical in an emergency when it can be difficult to identify plants from a verbal description given over the telephone. Providing the correct plant name can help ensure that accurate treatment advice is dispensed quickly.

## Species List

### Toxic Wild Plants

jimsonweed *Datura spp.*  
nightshade *Solanum spp.*  
poison hemlock *Conium maculatum*  
poison ivy *Toxicodendron radicans*  
pokeweed *Phytolacca americana*

### Toxic Garden/Landscaping Plants

azalea *Rhododendron spp.*  
Canada yew *Taxus canadensis*  
delphinium or larkspur *Delphinium spp.*  
foxglove *Digitalis purpurea*  
lily-of-the-valley *Convallaria majalis*  
morning-glory *Ipomoea spp.*  
rhododendron *Rhododendron spp.*

### Toxic House and Holiday Plants

American holly *Ilex opaca*  
dieffenbachia *Dieffenbachia spp.*  
mother-in-law's tongue or snake plant *Sansevieria spp.*  
philodendron *Philodendron spp.*

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