

Potentially Harmful Plants

Some popular, potentially harmful plants in UK gardens every gardener should be aware of



Common name	Ingestion / Contact Hazard	Category	Scientific name
Agapanthus, African Lily	Harmful if eaten	C	Agapanthus
Aloe, Aloe Vera	Harmful if eaten	C	Aloe
Amaryllis	Harmful if eaten	C	Hippeastrum
Asparagus	Skin allerfen; fruits harmful if eaten	C	Asparagus
Angels Trumpet Plant	Harmful if eaten	C	Brugmansia
Celery, Celeriac	Harmful to skin in sunlight	C	Apium Graveolens
Chilli pepper, chillies, ornamental pepper	Irritant if eaten; skin/eye irritant	C	Capsicum (except sweet varieties)
Chrysanthemum	Skin allergen	C	Chrysanthemum
Clematis	Skin irritant	C	Clematis
Daffodil	Harmful if eaten & skin irritant	C	Narcissus
Delphinium	Harmful if eaten	C	Delphinium
Dianthus, carnations	Skin allergen	C	Dianthus
Euphorbia	Harmful if eaten & skin irritant	B	Euphorbia
Foxglove	Toxic if eaten	B	Digitalis
Garlic	Skin irritant/ allergen	B	Allium sativum*
Giant elephant's ear	Toxic if eaten & skin/ eye irritant	B	Alocasia
Hellebore	Harmful if eaten & skin irritant	C	Helleborus
Hyacinth	Skin irritant	C	Hyacinthus
Hydrangea	Skin irritant	C	Hydrangea
Laburnum	Harmful if eaten	C	Laburnum
Laurel, Daphne	Toxic if eaten & skin/ eye irritant	B	Daphne
Lily-of-the-valley	Toxic if eaten	B	Convallaria
Lupin	Harmful if eaten	B	Lupins
Pieris	Harmful if eaten	C	Pieris
Rhododendron	Harmful if eaten	C	Rhododendron
Sago Cycad	Harmful if eaten & skin irritant	B	Cycas
Snowdrop	Harmful if eaten	C	Galanthus
Tulip	Harmful if eaten & skin irritant	C	Tulipa
Wisteria	Harmful if eaten	C	Wisteria
Yew	Toxic if eaten	B	Taxus