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Possible Poisonous Plants

***...to pets, including fish
when ingested or touched***

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Many of our ornamental plants in the garden may be poisonous to the touch (e.g., poison ivy, poison sumac), or orally toxic (e.g., poison hemlock, deadly amanita). Many of the poisonous plants, ironically, are of great value medicinally. Some plants are mildly toxic, while others can cause death. Pets are susceptible to many of the same poisonous plants that we are. If you have a cat or dog that may ingest any portion of the plants listed below, it is best to check with your veterinarian to get immediate answers to toxicity concerns. Items toxic to fish (highlighted in bold) should not be planted where fish can access any portion of the plant for ingestion. Care should be used when placing a pond near trees, as several have highly toxic leaves. All plants listed below are poisonous in various degrees to humans and pets.

AVOCADO (*Persea americana*)
AZALEA (*Rhododendron* species)
 BANE BERRY (*Actaea rubra*)
 BARILLA (*Halogeton glomeratus*)
BLACK LOCUST (*Robinia* species)
 BLACK NIGHTSHADE (*Solanum nigrum americanum*)
 BLACK WALNUT (*Juglans nigra*)
BLUE CARDINAL FLOWER (*Lobelia siphilitica*)
BLUE COHOSH (*Caulophyllum thalictroides*)
 BLUE-GREEN ALGAE (*Cyanophyta* species)
 BRAK CEN FERN (*Pteridium aquilinum*)
 BUCKEYE TREE (*Aesculus* species)
 BUCKWHEAT (*Fagopyrum esculentum*)
BUTTERCUP (*Ranunculus* species)
CALADIUM (*Caladium xaiitliosoma*)

CARDINAL FLOWER (*Lobelia cardinalis*)
CASTORBEAN (*Ricinus communis*)
 CHINABERRY TREE (*Melia azedarach*)
CHOKECHERRY/CHERRY (*Prunus* species)
CLIMBING NIGHTSHADE (*Solanum dulcamara*)
CLOVER (*Trifolium* species)
 COCKLEBUR (*Xanthium* species)
 COMMON NIGHTSHADE (*Solanum nigrum americanum*)
 COTTON (*Gossypium* species)
 CYCAD/SAGO PALM (*Cycas revoluta*)
 DEADLY NIGHTSHADE (*Atropa belladonna*)
 DOGBANE/INDIAN HEMP (*Apocynum* species)
 DUMB CANE (*Dieffenbachia seguine* or *picata*)
 DUTCHMAN'S BREECHES (*Dicentra cucullaria*)
 ERGOT (*Claviceps* species)
 EUROPEAN BITTERSWEET (*Solanum dulcamara*)
 FLY POISON (*Amianthium muscaetoxicum*)
 FOXGLOVE (*Digitalis purpurea*)
 GROUND IVY (*Glechoma hederacea*)
 GROUNDSEL (*Senecio* species)
 HALOGETON (*Halogeton glomeratus*)
 HOARY ALYSSUM (*Berteroa incana*)
HORSE CHESTNUT (*Aesculus* species)
 HORSENETTLE (*Solanum carolinense*)
 HOUND'S TONGUE (*Cynoglossum officinale*)
IRIS (*Iris* terrestrial species – bulb)
JACK-IN-THE-PULPIT (*Arisaema* species)
 JAPANESE PIERIS (*Pieris japonica*)
JIMSONWEED (*Datura* species)
 LAMB'S QUARTERS (*Chenopodium album*)
 LARKSPUR (*Delphinium* species)
 LILY (*Lilium* species)
LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY (*Convallaria majalis*)
 LOCOWEED (*Astragalus* & *Oxytropis* species)
 LUPINE (*Lupinus* species)
MARSH MARIGOLD (*Caltha palustris*)
 MARIJUANA (*Cannabis sativa*)
 MAYAPPLE (*Podophyllum peltatum*)
MILKWEED (*Asclepias* species)
 MONKSHOOD (*Aconitum* species)
 MOUNTAIN LAUREL (*Kalmia* species)
 OAKS (*Quercus* species)
 OLEANDER (*Nerium oleander*)
 ONION (*Allium cepa*)

PALE SPIKE LOBELIA (*Lobelia spicata*)
 PERILLA MINT (*Perilla frutescens*)
PHILODENDRON (*Philodendron* species)
PIGWEEED (*Amaranthus* species)
POISON HEMLOCK (*Conium maculatum*)
 POISON IVY (*Toxicodendron radicans*)
 POKEWEED (*Phytolacca americana*)
PONDEROSA PINE (*Pinus ponderosa*)
POTATO (*Solanum tuberosum*) – foliage
 PRECATORY BEAN (*Abrus precatorius*)
RED MAPLE (*Acer rubrum*)
 RHODODENDRON (*Rhododendron maximum*)
RHUBARB (*Rheum raphonticum*) – foliage
 ROSARY PEA (*Abrus precatorius*)
 ST. JOHN'S WART (*Hypericum perforatum*)
 SENSITIVE FERN (*Onoclea sensibilis*)
 SKUNK CABBAGE (*Symplocarpus foetidus*)
SNEEZEWEED (*Helenium autumnale*)
 SNOW-ON-THE-MOUNTAIN (*Euphorbia* species)
 SORGHUM (*Sorghum* species)
 SPURGE (*Euphorbia* species)
 STAR-OF-BETHLEHEM (*Ornithogalum umbellatum*)
 SWEETCLOVER (*Melilotus* species)
SWEET PEA (*Lathyrus* species)
 TANSY RAGWORT (*Senecio* species)
 THORN APPLE (*Datura* species)
TOBACCO (*Nicotiana tabacum*)
 TOMATO (*Lycopersicon esculentum*) – foliage
 WATERHEMLOCK (*Cicuta* species)
 *Maculata (East)
 *Douglasii (West)
 WESTERN FALSE HELLEBORE (*Veratrum californicum* or *viride*)
WHITE SNAKE ROOT (*Eupatorium rugosum*)
WILD BLEEDING HEART (*Dicentra* species)
 WISTERIA (*Wisteria* species)
 YELLOW STAR THISTLE (*Centaurea solstitialis*)
 YEW (*Taxus* species)

Items delineated in bold and underlined are commonly used as marginal pond plants. Fish don't normally eat plants located on the margins of the pond.