

# Top Ten Deadliest Plants you should know before planting your garden

## Lilly of the Valley

scientists have found that this plant contains forty extremely toxic cardiac glycosides in its flowers, berries, leaves, and stems. If you accidentally swallow this plant or any part of it, you can experience blurry vision, headaches, drowsiness, disorientation, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, skin rashes, and irregular heartbeat. To avoid death outcome, seek emergency medical intervention right away.



## Castor Oil Plant

Toxic seeds of this flower contain ricin, probably the most poisonous naturally substance we have ever heard about. One tiny seed can cause internal bleeding and severe dehydration caused by diarrhea and vomiting. Luckily, the fatal outcome is really rare.

## Foxglove

The entire plant is deadly toxic, especially the leaves from the top of the plant thanks to the high concentration of poisonous chemicals digitalin, digitonin, and digitoxin in them.

Only twenty minutes after ingesting its leaves, the first signs of poisoning will appear, including bradycardia, irregular pulse, diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting.

There are some assumptions that the Dutch post-impressionist painter Vincent van Gogh used digitalis and was a victim of its side effects such as xanthopsia (a color vision deficiency, with a predominance of yellow).



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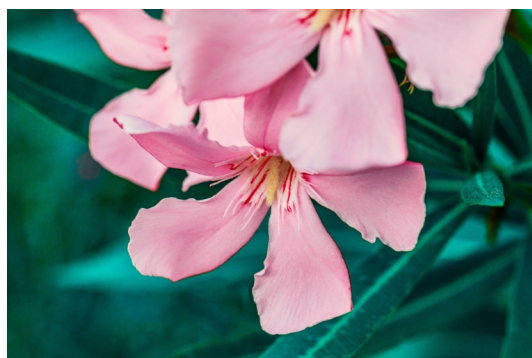
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### Belladonna (Deadly Nightshade)

It is considered one of the deadliest flowers on our planet. In Greek mythology, it is named after **Atropa**, the goddesses of destiny who cuts the final 'thread' of our life and brings death.

If ingested, its appetizing-look berries will release a poison that paralyzes gastrointestinal muscles, blood vessels' nerve endings, and the heart in the end. The most common symptoms of poisoning are sensitivity to light, dilated pupils, rapid heartbeat, headaches, convulsions, hallucinations, confusion, and finally death caused by respiratory failure.



### Rhododendron

The name Rhododendron is a combination of two Greek words 'rondon' (rose) and 'dendron' (tree). The dark side of this desirable flower is its toxicity. Have you ever heard of the term 'mad honey'? It is about the honey extracted from this plant. Plus, the entire plant is deadly poisonous.

Swallowing only a tiny part of it will lead to symptoms such as teary-eyes, difficult breathing, vomiting, lowering blood pressure and pulse, a violent seizure, coma, and the horrible death. The good news is that you need to eat hundreds of petals to get poisoned. However, keep your pets away from this plant.

### Oleander

Every part of oleander, including sap and nectar, contains toxins (oleandrin and neriine). After ingestion, you have only 24 hours to avoid a fatal outcome. Oleander was the first plant that blossomed in Hiroshima after the atomic bomb was thrown in 1945. Nowadays, it is an official flower of this city.

Unfortunately, it is also the 'most popular suicide plant' in Sri Lanka. In India, eating crushed seeds of this plant is the typical way of suicide.





### Daffodil

This delicate orange, white, or yellow flower, with long, green leaves, contains the toxin lycorine in its bulb. Luckily, the level of the toxin is pretty low, and it isn't lethal for humans. However, eating petals will cause diarrhea, vomiting, and nausea. It can also cause liver damage and cardiac arrhythmia in pets especially dog that like digging and ingesting bulbs.



### Manchineel tree

is known as 'la manzanilla de la Muerte' which means 'the little apple of death'. Can you imagine how toxic this tree is when you can be poisoned if you just stand under its boughs while raining?

When milky sap, full of toxins and phorbol, oozes out of the leaves, bark, and fruit, contact with the skin, it causes painful burn-like blisters. Ingested, their apple-like fruits will cause mouth's blisters and swelling in the throat. Plus, inhaling smoke from that tree during the fire will cause blindness and severe irritation.



### Water hemlock

is the most dangerous plant in the US and the whole of North America. It can be entirely fatal thanks to the cicutoxin from its stem, green seed heads, leaves, and toxic sap from tubers. It affects the CNS directly and causes violent convulsions and painful seizures.

This smooth perennial, up to eight feet plant that grows in moist meadows, roadsides, and around ponds is well-known for its lovely, tiny white flowers that look like an umbrella. Watch out! The tiny piece of this plant can kill an animal of 1,200 pounds (550 kg).



### Dieffenbachia

The truth is that Dieffenbachia is a poisonous plant, but it won't kill you and your child or pet except you eat it. The entire plant tissue has tiny, needle-shaped crystals of calcium oxalate which may cause a swollen and very painful mouth, tongue, and airways, as well as inability to talk after coming in contact with the plant's milky sap.