

# Cat-safe plants

Your guide to plants in your house and garden  
that are safe and unsafe for your cat



**CATS**  
PROTECTION

**The words ‘poisonous plant’ and ‘cat’ in the same sentence will naturally worry any cat owner. There are many plants out there that are considered dangerous to cats, plants that are already in many houses and gardens. But this needs to be seen in context. This leaflet aims to be a guide of which flowers are safe, those where caution is advised and those that should not be anywhere near cats.**

Plants are categorised as the following:

#### **Danger!**

**Major toxicity:** serious illness or death.  
**AVOID**

#### **Danger! Considered rare**

**Major toxicity:** serious illness or death but considered rare. Cats unlikely to ingest. Only toxic if ingested in large quantities but depends on the plant variety or the plant’s stage of bloom.

#### **Caution advised**

##### **Minor toxicity**

- Could cause vomiting or diarrhoea
- Juice or sap could irritate skin, mouth, tongue and throat
- Could cause skin rash or irritation

#### **Safe for cats**

No known toxins that affect cats. However, despite being non-toxic they may still cause a tummy upset if ingested.

## **Say no to lilies!**

The most important tip for all cat owners is to avoid lilies both outdoors and inside the house. Even ingesting small amounts of the lily plant will prove fatal, in some cases cats can be saved if they receive intensive veterinary care in time. Although fabulously fragrant and showy, they simply aren’t worth the risk. Cats don’t have to deliberately chew on a lily (all parts are poisonous, including vase water), just brushing past it could shake pollen on their fur and when grooming themselves it will prove toxic.

### **Is your cat a nibbler?**

Although cats like to eat grass, thankfully they are usually very discerning when it comes to eating things, which can prevent possible poisonings. But of course, some cats are notorious nibblers. This is when it helps to be aware of the plants you have around you, those which seem to be irresistible to your cat, and the signs of possible poisoning.



Lilies

### Things to note

- Outdoors: The garden and all its delights may well prove a distraction for a cat and they are likely to focus primarily on familiar grass
- Indoors: A bored cat may nibble on anything and more frequently; including indoor plants and bouquets
- Even plants without toxins can cause a tummy upset if eaten
- Non-toxic weeds will become toxic if weedkiller is used!

Plant toxins can be dangerous, but there are other factors that need to be taken into consideration, such as the amount taken and the individual animal's health.

## Signs to look out for

If you know your cat has ingested a toxic plant, don't wait for symptoms to show, contact your vet immediately. Remember that even the tiniest part of a lily may have devastating effects which needs urgent action.

If your cat starts showing the following symptoms seek veterinary advice straight away. If you know the cause then tell the vet or give them a sample as it can focus their treatment. Even a sample of vomit may help diagnosis. Signs can include, but are not limited to:

- salivation
- vomiting
- diarrhoea
- twitching and/or fitting
- breathing difficulties
- collapse
- coma

### Easy things to do

- Avoid lilies
- Clear prunings and fallen berries immediately and dispose of away from pets
- Keep bulbs out of reach
- Plant cat grass and catnip to distract your cat from other plants
- Create an enriching home for your cat with hiding places and high perches
- For indoor cats especially, have frequent play sessions with cat toys

# Cats and outdoor plants

## Danger!

**Crocus Autumn** (saffron, *Colchicum autumnale*, *crocus sativus*, Liliaceae)  
**Day lily** (*Hemerocallis*)  
**Foxglove\*\*** (*digitalis*)  
**Fritillary** (*Snakeshead*)  
**Gloriosa superba** (glory lily, flame lily, climbing lily)  
**Juniper** (*Savin*, *sabina*) **berries**  
**Lily\*\*** (*Lilium*, *Hemerocallis*) ALL LILIES!  
**Lily of the Valley\*\*** (*Convallaria majalis*)  
**Nerium oleander\*\*** (*dogbane* family)  
**Ornithogalum umbellatum** (*Star of Bethlehem*)  
**Water hemlock**  
**Yew** (*Taxus*)

## Danger! Considered rare

**Aconite** (*monkshood*, *Eranthis hyemalis*, *scilla mischtschenkoana*, *wolf's bane*, *ranunculus*)  
**Azalea** (*Rhododendron* family)  
**Chrysanthemum** (contains *pyrethrin*, found in *dog flea treatment*)  
**Delphinium** (*Larkspur*)  
**Laburnum**  
**Prunus** (*cherry laurel*, *peaches*, *cherries*, *apricots*, *plums*, *nectarines*)  
**Nicotiana** (*flowering tobacco*)  
**Rhododendron** (*azalea*)  
**Rhubarb**  
**Sweet peas** (*Lathyrus*)  
**Tomato plant** (*Solanum*)  
**Vinca minor** (*periwinkle*)

## Caution advised

**Achillea** (*yarrow*, *milfoil*, *carpenter's weed*)  
**Agapanthus** (*African blue lily*)  
**Allium** (*ornamental onion*, *garlic*, *lily leek*)  
**Alstroemeria\*** (*Peruvian lily*, *Lily of Incas*)  
**Amaryllis** (*Hippeastrum*)  
**Ammi** (*bullwort*, *common bishop's weed*)  
**Anemone** (*windflower*)  
**Anthurium** (*flamingo flower*)  
**Aquilegia** (*Columbine*)  
**Arrow grass** (*found in marshes*)  
**Bay leaf tree** (*Laurus nobilis*)  
**Begonia**  
**Berberis** (*Barberry*)  
**Bergenia** (*elephant's ears*, *Saxifragaceae*)  
**Bird of paradise** (*Strelitzia*)  
**Bluebell** (*Hyacinthoides*)  
**Borage** (*starflower*)  
**Broom** (*Cytisus*)  
**Bupleurum falcatum** (*sickle-leaved hare's ear*)  
**Buttercup** (*Ranunculus*)  
**Buxus** (*boxwood*)  
**Calla lily** (*Zantedeschia*, *arum lily*, *trumpet lily*)  
**Carnation** (*pinks*, *Dianthus*, *Sweet William*, *solomio*)  
**Catmint** (*Nepeta mussinii*)  
**Cestrum** (*Solanales*, *jessamine*)  
**Chives** (*Allium schoenoprasum*)  
**Clematis** (*part of Ranunculus family*)  
**Coleus** (*Solenostemon*, *Indian borage*, *stinging thyme*)  
**Cordyline** (*ti plant*, *cabbage tree*)

**Cotoneaster** (rosaceae)  
**Cowslip**  
**Crococsmia corms**  
**Crocus** (Spring crocus species, Iridaceae)  
**Cyclamen**  
**Daffodils**, flower and bulb (Narcissus, jonquil)  
**Dahlia**  
**Daphne** (Thymelaeaceae)  
**Elderberry** (Sambucus)  
**Eucalyptus** (gum tree)  
**Euonymus** (wintercreeper, spindle)  
**Euphorbia** (spurge)  
**Fern** (Adiantum)  
**Gardenia** (cape jasmine)  
**Gaultheria**  
**Geranium** (Cranesbill, pelargonium)  
**Giant marsh marigold** (Caltha polypetala)  
**Gladioli bulb** (sword lily)  
**Gypsophila** (Baby's breath)  
**Helenium**  
**Heliotrope** (Boraginaceae)  
**Helleborus** (Christmas rose, Easter rose, Ranunculaceae)  
**Holly** (Ilex)  
**Horse Chestnut** (Aesculus hippocastanum)  
**Hosta** (plaintain lily, funkia)  
**Hyacinths bulb**  
**Hydrangea**  
**Hypericum** (St John's Wort)  
**Iris** (flag, snake lily)

**Ivy** (Hedera)  
**Juniper** (Communis) **berries**  
**Lantana**  
**Lavender** (Lavandula)  
**Lemon verbena** (Aloysia)  
**Lobelia** (cardinal flower)  
**Lonicera** (honeysuckle)  
**Lupin** (Baptisia)  
**Malus** (Crabapple/apple)  
**Marigold** (tagete)  
**Mistletoe**  
**Morning Glory** (Convolvuceae)  
**Peony** (Paeonia lactiflora)  
**Physalis** (peruvian ground cherry, nightshade)  
**Pieris** (Japanese pieris, lily of the valley bush, mountain fetterbush)  
**Poinsettia\*** (euphorbia, Christmas flower)  
**Polyanthus** (primula, primrose)  
**Poppy** (Papaver)  
**Privet†** (Ligustrum japonicum/vulgare)  
**Ranunculus**  
**Rape**  
**Rudbeckia** (black eyed susan)  
**Ruscus** (butcher's broom, asparagaceae)  
**Scilla** (squills)  
**Snowdrop** (Galanthus)  
**Tulips**, bulb  
**Water iris** (Psuedacorus)  
**Wisteria**



Gypsophila



Carnation



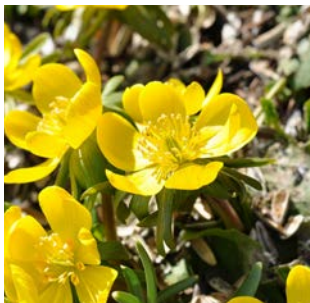
Juniper berries

# Cats and outdoor plants

## Safe for cats

- Acer** (maple)
- African daisy** (Arctotis, Osteospermum)
- Alyssum**
- Antirrhinum** (snapdragon)
- Argyranthemum** (Marguerite)
- Astilbe**
- Bacopa** (Sutera cordata)
- Betula** (birch)
- Buddleia** (buddleja, butterfly bush)
- Busy lizzies** (impatiens, balsam, sultana)
- Calendula** (marigold asteraceae)
- Camellia**
- Ceanothus** (Californian lilac)
- Catnip** (nepeta cataria)
- Celosia** (cockscomb)
- Chaenomeles** (quince)
- Choisya** (Mexican orange blossom)
- Cistus**
- Cornflower** (Asteraceae, centaurea cyanus)
- Cosmos**
- Cupressus leylandii** (cypress)
- Curry plant** (Helichrysum italicum)
- Dandelions**
- Diascias** (Twinspur)
- Echinacea** (coneflower)
- Echinops** (globe thistle)
- Fagus** (beech)
- Forsythia**
- Freesia**
- Fuschia**
- Gazania** (treasure flower)
- Gerbera** (gerbera daisy)
- Hawthorn**
- Helianthemum** (rock rose)
- Heuchera** (coral bells)
- Hollyhock**
- Ice plant succulent** (Carpobrotus edulis)
- Jasminium** (Jasmine)
- Lavatera** (mallow)
- Leucospermum**
- Lilac** (Syringa)
- Lisianthus** (Eustoma)
- Limonium** (statice, sea lavender, caspia, marsh-rosemary)
- Magnolia**
- Moluccella** (Bells of Ireland)
- Myosotis** (Forget me not)
- Muscari** (lily turf, grape hyacinth)
- Nasturtium** (Tropaeolum)
- Nemesia**
- Nepeta cataria** (catnip)
- Nigella**
- Olive**
- Pansy** (viola)
- Petunias** (Calibrachoa, Million bells)
- Philadelphus** (mock orange blossom)
- Phlox**
- Photinia** (red robin)
- Pittosporum**
- Potentilla** (cinquefoil)
- Pussy willow** (Salix)
- Pyracantha**
- Rose**
- Rosemary**

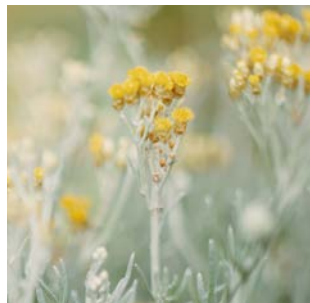




Potentilla



Calendula



Curry plant



Rosemary



**Sage** (*Salvia*)

**Scabiosa** (*Scabious*)

**Sedum** (*stonecrop*)

**Spirea**

**Stock** (*Brompton, common, hoary, gilly-flower, Matthiola incana*)

**Sunflowers** (*Helianthus*)

**Sword Fern** (*Nephrolepis biserrata*)

**Trachelium** (*Throatwort*)

**Valeriana officinalis** (*Centranthus ruber*)

**Veronica** (*spike speedwell*)

**Viburnum Davidii**

**Viburnum tinus** (*Laurustinus*)

**Violets**

**Wallflower** (*erysimum*)

**Water lilies** (*Nyphaeaceae*), not a true lily

**Waxflower** (*Chamelaucium*)

**Weigela**

**Willow** (*Salix purpurea*)

**Zinnia**



Ceanothus

# Cats and indoor plants

## Danger!

**Cycad** (*Cycas revolute*, Sago palm, *Zamia*, Fern palm)

## Caution advised

**Agave** (Century plant)

**Alocasia** (Elephant ear, Dwarf taro)

**Aloe vera** (Liliaceae family)

**Amaryllis** (*Hippeastrum*)

**Ant plant** (*Hydnophytum papuanum*, Maze plant)

**Anthurium** (Flamingo flower)

**Arrow head vine** (African evergreen)

**Asparagus fern\*** (feathery asparagus)

**Bird of paradise** (*Strelitzia reginae/nicolai*, Crane flower)

**Begonia**

**Brunfelsia pauciflora** (Kiss me quick; yesterday, today and tomorrow; Brazil raintree)

**Caladium** (Elephant's ears)

**Calla lily** (*Zantedeschia*, arum lily, trumpet lily)

**Castanospermum** (moreton bay chestnut, black bean, Australian chestnut)

**Cheese plant\*** (*Monstera*, Indian ivy)

**Chinese evergreen** (*Aglaonema*)

**Clusia** (autograph tree)

**Coleus** (*Solenostemon*, Indian borage, stinging thyme)

**Cyclamen**

**Dracaena** (Corn plant, Dragon tree, lucky bamboo)

**Dumb cane** (*Dieffenbachia*), all varieties

**English ivy** (*Hedera Helix*, common ivy)

**Ficus benjamina** (Benjamin tree, java fig, java tree, smallleaved rubber plant, tropic laurel, Indian rubber plant, weeping fig)

**Fiddle leaf fig** (*Ficus lyrata*, Banjo fig)

**Fishtail palm\*** (*Caryota mitis*)

**Gladioli bulb** (sword lily)

**Homalomena rubescens** (Red shield plant, Queen of hearts)

**Hyacinths bulb**

**Iron Cross begonia** (*Begonia masoniana*)

**Jade plant** (*Crassula ovata*, money plant)

**Kalanchoe** (Mother of thousands, panda plant, flaming Katy)

**Peace lily** (*Spathiphyllum wallisii*, White sails)

**Pencil cactus** (*Cactus euphorbia tirucalli*, Cactus spurge)

**Philodendron** (*scandens*, Heart leaf, Sweetheart plant, Araceae, *Monstera*)

**Poinsettia\*** (euphorbia, Christmas flower)

**Polyscias fabian\*** (Dinner plate aralia, *Ployscias aralia*)

**Pothos** (*Scindapsus*, Devil's Ivy, Taro vine, Ivy arum)

**Rubber plant** (*Ficus*, Benjamin tree, weeping fig)

**Schefflera** (Umbrella tree, octopus tree)

**Snake plant** (*Sansevieria*, Mother in law's tongue, Viper's bowstring hemp)

**Tradescantia\*** (Wandering Jew plant, Speedy Henry)

**Yucca** (Asparagaceae family, Agavoideae)

**Zamioculcas zamiifolia** (ZZ plant, Zanzibar gem, Fern arum)



**Safe for cats**

**Aeschynanthus Japhrolepis** (Lipstick plant)

**Aspidistra** (Cast iron plant)

**Boston Fern** (Sword Fern, Nephrolepis exaltata)

**Bromeliad** (air plant)

**Calathea** (Zebra plant, Peacock plant, Rattle snake plant, prayer plant)

**Chinese money plant** (Alocasia portodora, Pilea Peperomioides, Pancake plant)

**Christmas cactus** (Schlumbergera, Easter cactus, November cactus)

**Coconut palm** (Cocos nucifera)

**Crocodile Fern**

**Delosperma Echinatum**

**Fishbone cactus**

**Hoya** (Wax plant)

**Kentia palm** (Howea forseriana, Thatch palm)

**Maidenhair fern** (Adiantum)

**Money tree** (pachira aquatica)

**Musa dwarf Cavendish** (Banana dwarf Cavendish)

**Orchids**

**Parlour palm** (Chamaedorea elegans, Bamboo palm)

**Peperomia:** various

**Phlebodium Aureum** (Harefoot palm, golden polypody)

**Rex begonia vine** (Cissus Dicolor)

**Sedum**

**Spider plant** (chlorophytum comosum, spider ivy, Ribbon plant)

**String of hearts** (Ceropegia woodii, Sweetheart vine)

**Stromanthe**

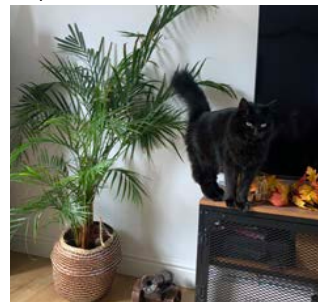
**Zebra plant** (Haworthia Fascinata)



Zebra plant



Peperomia



Parlour palm

# Cats and cut flowers

## Danger!

**Asiatic lily** (*Lilium x asiatica*)  
**Convallaria** (Lily of the Valley)  
**Easter lily** (*Lilium longiflorum*)  
**Japanese showy lily** (*Lilium hybridum*)  
**Madonna lily** (*Lilium candidum*)  
**Roselily**<sup>TM\*</sup>  
**Royal lily** (*Lilium regale*)  
**Rubrum lily** (*Lilium rubrum*)  
**Star of Bethlehem** (*Ornithogalum*)  
**Stargazer lily, oriental lily** (*Lilium orientalis*)  
**Tiger lily** (*Lilium lancifolium*, *tigrinum*)  
**Western or wood lily** (*Lilium umbellatum*)  
**Senecio** (daisy bush, *Brachyglottis greyi*)

## Danger! Considered rare

**Sweet Pea** (*Lathyrus*)  
**Chrysanthemum**  
**Delphinium** (larkspur)



Heather, caution advised

## Caution advised

**Achillea** (yarrow, milfoil, carpenter's weed)  
**Allium** (ornamental onion, garlic, lily leek)  
**Alstroemeria\*** (Peruvian lily, Lily of Incas)  
**Amaryllis** (*Hippeastrum*)  
**Ammi** (Queen Anne's Lace, bullwort, common bishop's weed)  
**Anemone** (windflower)  
**Anthurium** (flamingo flower)  
**Bird of Paradise** (*Strelitzia*, Crane flower)  
**Broom** (*Cytisus*)  
**Bupleurum** (*Bupleurum rotundifolium* *Griffithii*, hare's ear)  
**Calla Lily** (*Zantedeschia*, trumpet lily, arum )  
**Carnation** (*Dianthus*, clove pink)  
**Cestrum** (*Solanales*, jessamine)  
**Clematis**  
**Craspedia** (Billy buttons)  
**Daffodil** (*Narcissus*)  
**Dahlia**  
**Euphorbia\*** (Spurge)  
**Gladiolus**  
**Gloriosa** (glory lily, flame lily)  
**Golden rod** (*Solidago*)  
**Gypsophila** (baby's breath)  
**Heather** (*Calluna vulgaris*)  
**Hyacinth**  
**Hydrangea**  
**Iris** (flag, snake lily)  
**Lavender** (*Lavandula*)  
**Peony** (*Paeonia lactiflora*)  
**Physalis alkekengi** (winter cherry, chinese lantern)



Rose and limonium

**Poppy** (Papaver)  
**Ranunculus** (Persian buttercup)  
**Scilla** (Squill)  
**September flower** (aster, Michelmas daisy)  
**Sweet William** (Dianthus barbatus)  
**Tagetes** (African Marigold)  
**Tanacetum** (Tansy)  
**Tulip** (Tulipa)

## **Foliage:**

**Asparagus Fern** (Asparagus setaceus)  
**Eucalyptus**  
**Salal** (Gaultheria shallon)  
**Holly** (Ilex)  
**Hypericum** (St John's Wort)  
**Ivy** (Hedera helix)  
**Privet** (Ligustrum)  
**Ruscus** (Ruscus aculeatus, soft ruscus and Ruscus hypophyllum, hard ruscus)

## **Safe for cats**

**Astilbe** (false goatsbeard)  
**Camellia**  
**Celosia** (Cockscomb)  
**Cymbidium orchid**  
**Dendrobium orchid**  
**Echinops** (globe thistle)  
**Freesia**  
**Gerbera**  
**Leucospermum** (pincushion protea)  
**Lisianthus** (Eustoma)  
**Limonium** (statice, caspia, sea-lavender)  
**Bells of Ireland** (Moluccella)  
**Muscari** (grape hyacinth)  
**Oncidium orchid** (golden shower orchid)  
**Phalaenopsis orchid** (moth orchid)  
**Rose**  
**Snapdragon** (Antirrhinum)  
**Statice** (see Limonium)  
**Stock** (Matthiola)  
**Sunflower** (Helianthus)  
**Trachelium caeruleum** (Throatwort)  
**Vanda orchid**  
**Veronica** (speedwell)  
**Waxflower** (Chamelaucium uncinatum)  
**Zinnia elegans**

## **Foliage:**

**Olive** (Olea europaea)  
**Pittosporum**  
**Pussy willow** (Salix caprea)  
**Rosemary**  
**Sword Fern** (Nephrolepis exaltata)

# Cats, herbs and hedging

## Herbs

**Danger! Considered rare**

**Tansy** (tancetum vulgare, Senecio, golden ragwort)

**Caution advised**

### Anise

**Bay leaf tree** (Laurel nobilis)

**Borage** (starflower)

**Catmint** (Nepeta mussinii)

**Caraway**

**Chamomile**

**Chives** (Allium)

**Feverfew**

**Garlic**

**Ginko** (Ginkgo biloba)

**Horseradish**

**Hyssop**

**Lavender** (Lavendula)

**Lemon grass**

**Lemon verbena** (Aloysia)

**Lovage**

**Marjoram** (Origanum majorana)

**Mint** (Mentha)

**Nettle** (Urtica)

**Oregano** (Ooriganum)

**Parsley** (Petroselinum)

**Sorrel** (Rumex)

**Tarragon** (Estragon, artemesia)



Basil

**Safe for cats**

**Basil** (Ocimum)

**Chervil**

**Coriander** (cilantro)

**Dandelion** (Taraxacum officinalis)

**Dill**

**Fennel**

**Germander** (cat thyme, Teurcrium marum)

**Ginger** (Aplinia zerumbet)

**Milk thistle**

**Nasturtium**

**Rosemary**

**Sage** (Salvia)

**Stevia** (candyleaf)

**Thyme**

**Valerian root**

**Woodruff** (Galium odoratum)

# Hedging

**Danger! Considered rare**

**Cherry laurel** (*Prunus*)

***Prunus avium*** (wild cherry, sweet cherry, bird cherry)

**Caution advised**

**Crab Apple hedging**

**Elder** *sambucus nigra*

***Lonicera nitida* hedge plants**

***Lonicera pileata***

***Malus sylvestris* hedge plants**



Cherry laurel



Beech hedge

**Safe for cats**

***Acer campestre* hedging**

**Alder hedge plants**

***Alnus glutinosa***

***Amelanchier lamarckii***

**Beech hedge plants**

***Berberis julianae* hedging**

**Blackthorn** (sloe)

**Box-leaved honeysuckle**

***Corylus avellana*** (hazel)

***Cupressus macrocarpa* 'Goldcrest'**

**Dog Rose** (*Rosa canina*)

**Dogwood** (*Cornus*)

***Elaeagnus x ebbingei* hedge plants**

***Elaeagnus x ebbingei* 'Limelight'**

***Escallonia 'Iveyi'* and Donard Seedling**

***Fagus sylvatica* 'Purpurea' hedging**

**Goat willow plants**

**Gorse hedging** (*Ulex europaeus*)

***Griselinia littoralis* hedge plant**

**Gelder rose** (*Viburnum*)

**Hawthorn hedge plants**

**Hebe**

**Hornbeam** (*Sarpinus betulus*)

**Monterey cypress 'Goldcrest'**

***Pittosporum***

**Photinia**

***Pyracantha***

***Ribes sanguineum* 'King Edward VII' hedge plants**

***Rosa rugosa* 'Rubra' (Pink)**

**Rowan plant** (*Sorbus*)

**Western Red Cedar hedge plants**



# Cats and weeds

## Danger! Considered rare

**Common ragwort** (*Senecio jacobaea*)

**Docks** *Rumex crispus*)

**Oxalis** (wood sorrel, shamrock)

## Caution advised

**Achillea** (yarrow, milfoil, carpenter's weed)

**Bindweed** (*Convolvulus calystegia sepium*)

**Bird's foot trefoil** (*Lotus corniculatus*, eggs and bacon, birdsfoot deer vetch)

**Creeping buttercup** (*Ranunculus repens*)

**Daisy** (*Bellis perennis*)

**Enchanter's nightshade** (*Circaea lutetiana*)

**Evening primrose** (*Oenothera biennis*)

**Giant Hogweed** (cow parsnip, *Heracleum mantegazzianum*)

**Green alkanet** (Bugloss, *Pentaglottis sempervirens*)

**Ground elder** (Bishop's weed, gout weed, *Aegopodium podagraria*)

**Groundsel** (*Senecio vulgaris*)

**Knapweed** (*Centaurea nigra*)

**Lesser celandine** (Pilewort, *Ficaria verna*)

**Red clover** (*Trifolium pratense*)

**Scarlet pimpernel** (*Anagallis arvensis*)

**Sorrel** (common, spinach dock, garden, *Rumex scutatus*)

**White clover** (*Trifolium repens*)

## Safe for cats

**Bittercress** (*Cardamine hirsuta*, mustard family)

**Cleavers** (sticky willie, goosegrass, *Galium aparine*)

**Common chickweed** (winter weed, chickenwort, *Stellaria media*)

**Common mouse ear** (*Cerastium alpinum*)

**Couch** (Twitch, scutch, *Elymus repens*)

**Creeping thistle** (*Cirsium arvense*)

**Cuckoo flower** (*Cardamine pratense*)

**Dandelions**

**Herb Robert** (red robin, storksbill, *Erodium cicutarium*)

**Horsetail** (marestail, *Equisetum arvense*)

**Japanese knotweed** (*Fallopia japonica*)

**Rosebay willowherb** (fireweed, *Chamaenerion angustifolium*)

**Slender speedwell** (*Veronica filiformis*)

**Wood avens** (Herb bennet, *Geum urbanum*)



Daisy



Dandelions

## For more information

There are now some great plant identifier apps for your smartphone, such as Picture This. You take a photo of a plant and it will identify it and give you lots of advice on how to care for it. It also gives you information regarding toxicity for pets.

Our research has been done via various veterinary advice websites but primarily the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) website [aspc.com](http://aspc.com) and books *A Guide to Poisonous House and Garden Plants* by Anthony P Knight and *Poisonous Plants* by Dietrick Frohne and Hans Jurgen Pfander.



There is a very helpful Facebook group consisting of international volunteer plant experts. It is for emergency help only, and they identify plants or mushrooms that a pet or human has ingested. This identification can then be used by doctors or vets to decide treatment. Search for '**Poisons Help; Emergency Identification for Mushrooms & Plants**' on Facebook to join the group.



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