

Turtles and Plants



The following list is alphabetized by common name and includes plants along with varying notes about their toxicity to turtles. All information here is from the University of California Irvine's Tortoise Group.

Toxicity Legend

1 = oxalates, can cause rashes and difficulty breathing/swallowing
2 = toxic, potentially deadly
3 = contact dermatitis, bad for sensitive individuals
4 = info incomplete/suspected toxic

Plant List

Amaryllis	Amaryllis belladonna	2
Aglaonemas, all	Aglaonema modestum	1
Arrowhead Vine	Syngonium podophyllum	1
Asparagus Fern	Asparagus sprengeri	2, 3
Avocado (leaves, seeds)	Persea americana	2
Azalea	Rhododendron spp.	2
Begonia	Begonia x	1
Boxwood	Buxus sempervirens	2, 3
Buttercup family	Ranunculus spp.	2, 3
Calla Lily	Zantedeschia spp.	1
Cardinal Flower	Lobelia cardinalis	2
Carolina Jessamine	Gelsemium sempervirens	2
Cashew Tree	Anacardium occidentale	2
Cissus	Cissus rhombifolia	4
Creeping Charlie	Glechoma hederacea	2
Cyclamen	Cyclamen persicum	2
Delphinium, Larkspur	Delphinium spp.	2
Dianthus, Carnation	Dianthus spp.	2
Dieffenbachia	Dieffenbachia amoena	1
Dwarf Schefflera	Schefflera arboricola	1, 3
Elephant's Ear	Philodendron, Alocasia, Colocasia spp.	1, 3
Euphorbia (all)	Euphorbia spp.	2, 4
Ficus, Figs (all)	Ficus spp.	3
Foxglove	Digitalis purpurea	2
Garden Mum	Chrysanthemum morifolium	2, 3, 4
Gardenia	Gardenia jasminoides	4
Heavenly Bamboo	Nandina domestica	2

Holly	Ilex spp.	2
Hydrangea	Hydrangea spp.	2
Iris (esp. rhizome)	Iris spp.	2, 3
Ivy - English, Sweetheart, etc.	Hedera helix	2, 3
Juniper	Juniperus spp.	2
Lantana	Lantana camara	2, 3
Lily of the Nile	Agapanthus africanus	2, 3
Nightshade family	Solanum spp.	2
Oleander	Nerium oleander	2
Philodendron	Philodendron spp.	2
Poinsettia	Euphorbia pulcherrima	4
Pothos	Epipremnum aureum	1, 3
Royal Poinciana	Poinciana gilliesii	2
Shasta Daisy	Chrysanthemum maximum	2, 3
Splitleaf Philodendron	Monstera deliciosa	1
String of Pearls	Senecio rowleyanus, S. herrieanus	2
Sweet Pea (seeds)	Lathyrus odoratus	4
Tomato (leaves, vines)	Solanum lycopersicum	2
Umbrella Tree	Schefflera actinophylla	1, 3
Vinca, Periwinkle	Vinca spp.	2
Virginia Creeper	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	1

*** This list was compiled from the University of California Irvine's Tortoise Group and is intended to be informative only. Please consult a veterinarian if you have questions on specific plants or if you experience a pet with illness caused by any plants.