



POISONOUS POSIES

There are many more flowers that are poisonous than are edible. The use of botanical names is important due to the fact that common names vary in different regions of the country. Two plants may be known by the same common name while one is toxic and the other is edible. The following is only a partial list of the most common toxic flowers and their botanical names:

- Anemone or windflower (*Anemone* spp.)
- Autumn crocus (*Colchicum* spp.)
- Azalea and rhododendron (*Rhododendron* spp.)
- Buttercup (*Ranunculus* spp.)
- Clematis (*Clematis* spp.)
- Daffodil (*Narcissus* spp.)
- Delphinium or Larkspur (*Delphinium* spp.)
- Foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*)
- Hyacinth (*Hyacinthus orientalis*)
- Hydrangea (*Hydrangea* spp.)
- Iris (*Iris* spp.)
- Lantana (*Lantana camara*)
- Lobelia or Cardinal flower (*Lobelia* spp.)
- Marsh marigold (*Caltha palustris*)
- Morning glory (*Ipomoea* spp.)
- Oleander (*Nerium oleander*)
- Periwinkle myrtle and vinca (*Vinca* spp.)
- Wisteria (*Wisteria* spp.)

