

POISONOUS PLANTS

Everist SL (1981) Poisonous plants of Australia. Rev. edn. Angus and Robertson, London. 966 pp. ISBN 0207142289.

Covers a large number of native and introduced taxa; now somewhat dated.

Jackes BR (1992) Poisonous plants in northern Australian gardens. Botany Dept, James Cook University of North Queensland. 46 pp. ISBN 0864433875.

Basic descriptions and poison-properties information on 50 odd species or genera, with black and white photos.

McBarron EJ (1983) Poisonous plants : handbook for farmers and graziers. Inkata Press, Melbourne. 150 pp. ISBN 0909605297.

Descriptions and line drawings.

McKenzie R (2012) Australia's poisonous plants, fungi and cyanobacteria – a guide to species of medical and veterinary importance. CSIRO Publishing, Collingwood, Vic. 950 pp. ISBN 9780643092679 (hbk).

Comprehensive full-colour guide to very many of the Australian taxa known to have poisonous properties (and with a supplementary list to the remaining ones not covered in detail). Descriptions, short but information-dense notes, and good colour photos. RECOMMENDED

O'Kane N (2009) Poisonous2pets. Plants poisonous to dogs and cats. Palmer Higgs Books. 320 pp. ISBN 9780980634808.

Covers a large number of species, with very good colour photos, brief descriptions and notes, and toxicity info.

Shepherd RCH (2004) Pretty but poisonous. Plants poisonous to people. An illustrated guide for Australia. RG & FJ Richardson, Meredith, Vic. 202 pp. ISBN 0958743991.

Brief descriptions, good colour photos, and information on poison properties and symptomology, for a wide range of native, exotic weed, and exotic garden plant species (and three fungi).

Shepherd RCH (2010) Is that plant poisonous? An Australian field guide for livestock, pets and people. RG & FJ Richardson (PO Box 42, Meredith, Vic 3333; www.weedinfo.com.au). 250 pp. ISBN 9780980388527.

Covers 200 species of native and introduced plants known to be a poison risk, with brief descriptions and notes, toxicity information, and mostly good colour photos.

Wilson S (1997) Some plants are poisonous. Reed Books, Kew, Vic. 264 pp. ISBN 0730105059.

Brief plain-English descriptions and impressionistic line and half-tone drawings. Useful but not definitive.