

POISONOUS AND POTENTIALLY HARMFUL PLANTS IN OUR WOODLAND AREA

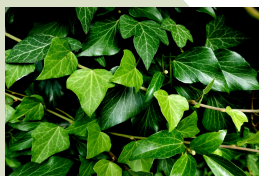
Yew Trees



Eating a relatively small quantity of leaves, berries or seeds can be fatal for livestock and humans. The toxicity of yew is due to the presence of alkaloids known as taxines, of which taxine B is one of the most poisonous.

Lords and Ladies

This is a very common and while not strictly poisonous they contain oxalate crystals which are very sharp and can penetrate and irritate skin for a long time and if consumed can cause the throat to close.

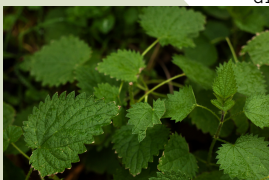


Ivy

Ivy is mildly poisonous. In addition, some people develop dermatitis after coming into contact with the plant.

Holly

The berries of the holly plant are poisonous to people and pets. Swallowing them can cause vomiting, diarrhoea, dehydration and drowsiness.

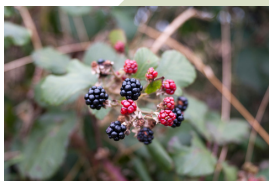


Stinging Nettles

Although not poisonous this plant can give a nasty sting.

Brambles

Although not poisonous the brambles have thorns that can give a nasty scratch



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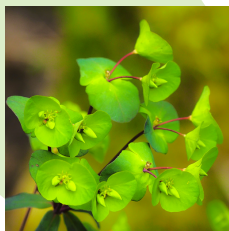


Bluebells

Bluebells bulbs can be toxic if eaten or ingested.

Cherry Laurel

The berries of laurel are poisonous to humans and animals.



Wood Spurge

Wood spurge produces a milky white sap which is toxic and irritates the skin.