

Toxic Plant List (Australia)

Common Australian garden plants that are dangerous for backyard chickens. This list is intended as a practical reference for home use.

Important: Chickens often avoid toxic plants, but boredom, drought, chicks, or limited foraging can lead to ingestion.

Common Toxic Plants

- Oleander (extremely toxic – leaves and flowers)
- Lantana
- Foxglove
- Daffodils (bulbs especially toxic)
- Azalea / Rhododendron
- Nightshade varieties
- Hemlock
- Castor Oil Plant
- Privet
- Rhubarb leaves
- Potato leaves and sprouts
- Onions and garlic (large quantities)
- Avocado leaves and pits
- Yew

High-Risk Areas to Check

- Garden beds and ornamental plantings
- Fence lines and hedges
- Compost piles
- Storm debris and fallen leaves
- Neighbouring plants overhanging fences

Safe Management Tips

- Fence off garden areas if free-ranging
- Supervise chickens when outside the run

- Remove fallen leaves and trimmings promptly
- Avoid planting known toxic species near coops
- When unsure, restrict access until confirmed safe

This list is not exhaustive. If poisoning is suspected, isolate the bird and seek veterinary advice immediately. Local plant varieties may differ between regions.