

## Native Plants and Pets

**Q:** What Michigan native plants are potentially poisonous to pets?

**A:** Most animals instinctively avoid plants that are toxic, however if ingested and depending upon volume/weight of animal these plants may cause a variety of symptoms ranging from mild discomfort to severe reactions. Here is a list of Michigan native plants in that could be harmful if consumed by your pet:

Arrowhead (*Sagittaria latifolia*)  
Flowering Spurge (*Euphorbia corollata*)  
Foxglove Beardstongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)  
Hairy Beardstongue (*Penstemon hirsutus*)  
Jack in the Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*)  
Poison Ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*)  
Poison Oak (*Toxicodendron pubescens*)  
Poison Sumac (*Toxico vernix*)  
Virgin's Bower (*Clematis virginiana*)  
Wild Iris (*Iris spp*)  
Wild Lupine (*Lupinus perennis*)  
Yarrow (*Achilliea millefolium*)

For additional information or poison control care for your pet contact your veterinarian. Additional information may also be found at:

<https://www.michiganhumane.org/>

<https://www.petmd.com>

<https://www.aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>