

Plants Poisonous To Horses And Equines

Ragwort



This plant contains toxins that result in liver failure. Hay shouldn't be made when ragwort is grown as well. Because it is palatable when dried. It should be removed through being up-rooted, removed or burned.

Acorns



Oak trees pose a particular threat to equines when they drop their acorns in the autumn. It can lead to severe colic.

Foxglove



Horses will not normally eat fresh fox-glove but is more palatable on hay. It can be fatal.

Privet



Is also common in gardens so be careful of neighbours hedges. Box privet is most dangerous.

Deadly Nightshade



Despite its name, poisoning from nightshade is not normally fatal to horses but can cause unconsciousness.

Rhododendron



Very small quantities of this are highly toxic to equines.

Buttercups



Butter cups are poisonous to horses if eaten fresh. However, they would need to consume a large amount of them to die from eating them. Seek professional advice on spraying to remove from grazing areas. Dried buttercups are harmless in hay.

Sycamore



Atypical Myopathy "Sycamore Poisoning" in Horses. Atypical myopathy is a frequently fatal disease of horses caused by eating Sycamore seeds ("helicopters") or seedlings. The disease results in muscle damage and particularly affects the muscles that enable the horse to stand and breathe.

Yew



Is common in gardens. The fallen leaves and berries are lethal to your equine as the fresh plant. Be careful of fallen leaves and berries being blown into your field.