POTENTIALLY POISONOUS OR OTHERWISE HARMFUL HIGHER PLANTS OF OKLAHOMA

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This paper lists vascular plants native to or naturalized in Oklahoma that have been cited in the literature as being lethal, causing distress, or potentially dangerous to humans and domesticated herbivorous animals. The term "poisonous" is used in the Websterian sense, meaning any "substance that through its chemical action sometimes kills, injures, or impairs an organism". Those plants which most often cause mechanical injury to livestock are also included. Aeroallergenic plants are not included although they are the cause of much human distress. Common cultivated field plants have been included although often they are not included in published floras. Non-native horticultural plants, with the exception of *Ricinus communis*, have not been included. Information on toxicity is from Kingsbury (1) unless otherwise noted. Waterfall (2) is the nomenclatural source and also the authority on occurrence in Oklahoma except as noted, and common name source is Holstun (3).

Any listing, such as this and that of Kingsbury, which is based primarily on literature sources rather than personal experimentation will, by its very nature, surely be incomplete. Much more work will be required to validate or disprove the toxicity of some species which are included on slender evidence.

A considerable list of Oklahoma and Texas plants known to be toxic or potentially so because they can produce cyanogenic compounds has been compiled by Seigler (4). A smaller list of aquatic plants reported to be poisonous to livestock is given by Taylor (5); his list contains fourteen species not described in this paper, but gives no information on toxins or references to original literature reporting the toxicity.

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d causes dermatitis	m mechanical injury	p photosensitizer
CODE: * known human deaths	** known livestock deaths	*** known deaths of smaller animals

ART TOXIN	unknown alkaloids and glycosides	protoanemonin (oil) aesculin (1)	aesculin (1) narcotic alkaloid (6)	saponin (1)	alkaloid?	nitrates		jervine (8)	unknown	acrid substance cardiac glycoside	cardiac glycoside	unknown	oxalates	oxalates	an oil		galitoxin?	0	galitoxin?	galitoxin?	galitoxin?	galitoxin?	ò		selenium Iocoine (6)	selenium	selenium	IIII alco + imigai noviii
AFFECTED PART	leaves whole plant	roots, berries sprouts, nuts	sprouts, leaves, flowers, seeds	seeds	bulb	whole plant	pollen, leaves	bulbs, leaves	leaves	reaves, riowers	young shoots	park, seeds,	rhizome	rhizome	whole plant	leaves	green parts	and the second	green parts	green parts	green parts	green parts	fruits	older parts	all parts green parts	all parts	all parts	Jungus on may
COMMON NAME	red maple common yarrow	baneberry Ohio buckeye	red buckeye	corn cockle	wild onion	redroot nigweed	common ragweed	stagger grass	scarlet pimpernel	mayweed spreading dogbane	Indian hemp	devils-walkingsuck	jack-in-the-pulpit	jack-in-the-pulpit	sand sagebrusn	wild ginger	milkweed broadleaf milk-	weed	whorled milkweed	showy milkweed	common milkweed	milkweed	papaw, dogapple	asparagus	heath aster woolv loco	poison vetch	fourwing saltbush	
FAMILY	Aceraceae Compositae	Ranunculaceae Hippocastanaceae	Hippocastanaceae	Caryophyllaceae	Liliaceae	Amaranthaceae Amaranthaceae	Compositae	Liliaceae	Frimulaceae	Apocynaceae	Apocynaceae	Alamaccac	Araceae	Araceae	Compositae	Aristolochiaceae	Asclepiadaceae	4	Asclepiadaceae	Asclepiadaceae	Asclepiadaceae	and the first of the control of the	Annonaceae		Compositae Leguminosae	Leguminosae	Chenopodiaceae Gramineae	
PLANT	** Acer rubrum L. ** Achillea millefolium L.	Actaea spp. Aesculus glabra Willd.	A, pavia L.	** Agrostemma githago L.		Amaranthus hybridus L. A. retroflexus L.		* Amianthium muscaetoxicum (Walt.) Gray	d(/), " " Anagains arvensis L. d(7) Anthomis cotul 1	* Apocynum androsaemifolium L.	A. cannabinum L. var. glaberrimum A.DC. * Aralia chinoca I		Arisaema atrorubens (Ait.) Blume	A. triphyllum (L.) Schott	intermista junjuna 1011.	d(7) Asarum canadense L. ** Acclobiae achomila (Doco) William	* A. latifolia (Torr.) Raf.		** A. pumila (Gray) Vail.	A. speciosa Torr.	A. syriaca L. * A. verticillata I.		d(7) Asimina triloba (L.) Dunal	A. A	Aster ericoiaes L. ** Astragalus mollissimus Torr.		Arriplex canescens (Fursn) james ** Avena sativa L.	
	* * * *			*	*		d(7)	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	a(/), a	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	4.4. (7) b				į	(/)p	· *		*		*		d(7)		*		*	

	Baptisia lencantha T. & G.	Leguminosae	false indigo	green parts	quinolizidine alkaloids (1) emetic, cathartic
	n n	9:	todoor toolor	oreen narts	mustard oil?
*	Barvarea vurgaris R. Br. Rexula husilla (Nutt.) Fern	Cruciferae Umbelliferae	water parsnip	green parts	
	Bidens frondosa I.	Compositae	icks	all parts	nitrates
	Brassica kaher (DC.) Wheeler	Cruciferae		fruit, seeds	mustard oil
*	B, napus L.	Cruciferae		fruit, seeds	thiooxazolidone,
	1 44 41 11 11 11		Line of managed	وممماه	mustard oil
	b. nigra (L.) K. Noch Bromus inermis Leyss.	Grucirerae Gramineae		ergot-infected	alkaloids
				leaves	
	B. unioloides HBK	Gramineae	rescuegrass	all parts	nitrates
d(7)	d(7) Campsis radicans (L.) Seem.	Bignoniaceae	trumpetcreeper	leaves, flowers	tetrahvdro-
•	Campaois samoa L.	CarrinaDillaceac	A-vor inventive	pistillate flowers	cannabinols
	Cardaria draba (L.) Desv.	Cruciferae	hoary cress	green parts	an irritant
	Carduns nutans L.	Compositae	musk thistle	all parts øreen, dried (in	unknown cathartic
	Cassia Jasereneara Miclix.	regummosac	rata Sarrand	hay), seeds	substance (6)
	C. occidentalis L.	Leguminosae	coffee senna	green, dried,	unknown cathartic
4			101010	seeds	unknown cathartic
6 6	*** C. 101a L.	Leguminosae	sickiepod	scens	substance (6)
	Castilleja spp.	Scrophulariaceae	paintbrushes	all parts	selenium
d (7)	Catalpa bignonioides Walt.	Bignoniaceae	southern catalpa	flowers	
d(7)	C. speciosa Warder	Bignoniaceae	northern catalpa	flowers	
	Celastrus scandens L.	Celastraceae	bittersweet	berries suspect	
Ħ		Gramineae	sandbur	truits	(0)
		Compositae	yellow starthistle	snoots	unknown (2)
* *		Gentianaceae	rock centaury	green parts	unkilown gropogopie glycoeide
	Cercocarpus montanus Rat.	Kosaceae	mountain manogany	leaves, stems	elveoside
	Chonopolium album I	Chenopodiaceae	Common particularies	leaves	oxalates, nitrates
	Chenopowian would be		lambsquarters		
	C. ambrosioides L.	Chenopodiaceae	mexican tea	seeds	ascaridole, an antihelminthic
d(7)	d(7) Chrysanthemum sob.	Compositae	chrysanthemum	leaves	
	Chrysothamnus nauseosus (Pall.)	Compositae	rubber rabbitbrush	green parts	
* & *	* & * * Cicuta maculata L.	Umbelliferae	spotted water hem- lock	tuberous roots	cicutoxin
q (7)	d(7) Clematis virginiana L.	Ranunculaceae	Virginia clematis	leaves	probably similar to
	Cleome serrulata Pursh	Capparidaceae	Rocky Mountain	all parts	nitrates
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	selenium coniine and other similar alkaloids	Similar amaiono	alkaloids	alkaloids monocrotaline (6)	croton oil (10) croton oil (10)	unknown	ergot alkaloids produced by fungus	,	hyoscyamine, atro- pine, scopolamine	nitrates, atropine, hyoscyamine, sco-	polamine	nitrates: delcosine (11)	delphinine	acipinitina a acipinitina acipinitina acipinitina acipinitina acipinitina acip	unknown cucullarine (6)		•	thiaminase	nitrates	alkaloids	undenuned purgative	nitrates (1)	nitrates tremetol	acrid substance unknown (6)
leaf hairs	seeds suspect all parts all parts	leaves	all parts	all parts hay contaminant	seeds seeds	all parts suspect when on clover	leaves (p) ovary (**)	leaves	seeds, leaves	all parts		(d) leaves, seeds;	all parts	especially	green parts leaves, early	riesny under- ground growth	leaves	leaves all parts	all parts	ergotized plant	fruit	all parts	all parts all parts	sap sap
Texas bullnettle	redberry moonseed bastard toadflax poison hemlock	horseweed	golden corydalis	corydalis rattlebox	wooly croton Texas croton	dodder	bermudagrass	lady's slipper	sacred datura	jimsonweed		wiid carrot larkspur	dwarf larkspur	prains tathspur	tansymustard Dutchman's	breeches	leatherwood	male rern barnvardorace	goosegrass	wildrye	castern wanto	boneset	thorough wort white snakeroot	flowering spurge snow-on-the- mountain
Euphorbiaceae	Menispermaceae Santalaceae Umbelliferae	Compositae	Fumariaceae	Fumariaceae Leguminosae	Euphorbiaceae Euphorbiaceae	Convolvulaceae	Gramineae	Orchidaceae	Solanaceae	Solanaceae	T.T L 115.C	Ombellirerae Ranunculaceae	Ranunculaceae Ranunculaceae	Maintaiaceac	Cruciferae Fumariaceae		Thymelaeaceae	Folypodiaceae Gramineae	Gramineae	Gramineae	Celastraceae	Compositae	Compositae Compositae	Euphorbiaceae Euphorbiaceae
d(7) Cnidoscolus texanus (Muell.	Arg.; Sutati Cocculus carolinus (L.) DC. Comundra pallida A. DC. * & ** Conium maculatum L.	d(7) Conyza canadensis (L.) Crang.	Condalis unumen Wild. var.	C. flavula (Raf.) DC. ** Crotalaria sagittalis L.	Croton capitatus Michx. C. texensis (Kl.) Muell. Arg.	Cuscuta spp.	p ** Cynodon dactylon (L.) Pets.	d(7) Cypripedium spp.	* & ** Datura meteloides Dunal	* & ** D. stramonium L.	T	d(/), ** Delphinium ajacis L.	** D. tricorne Michx. ** D. nipocone Nutr	C. va csvens van:	Descurainia pinnaia (Walt.) Britt. ** Dicentra cucullaria (L.) Bernh.		d(7) Direa palustris L.	Dryopterts fux-mas (L.) Schott. Echinochlou crusoulli (I.) Beanv	Eleusine indica (L.) Gaertn.	Elymus spp.	Enoughnus an open parens sacy.	Eupatorium perfoliatum L.		d(7) Euphorbia corollata L. * E. marginata Pursh.

nitrates	some alkaloids similar to ergot	irritant oil cvanogenic glycoside	nitrates selenium selenium cytisine (alkaloid) (6)	helenalin (12) tenulin (12)	helenanolides (12)	helenalin (12)			cyanogenic glycoside alkaloids?	helenanolides (12) hypericin (6)	hallucinogenic alkaloids irisin?		unknown nitrates	nitrates and an	L-α, γ-diaminobutyric	β = aminopropionitrile	
green parts	fungus of ovary	all parts all parts	all parts all parts all parts seeds, fruits, pulp, leaves	mature leaves mature leaves	mature leaves	leaves	mature flowers	mature flowers	all parts young shoots,	whole plant leaves	berries seeds rhizome	leaves	all parts green parts	young shoots	all parts suspect stinging hairs seeds seeds	seeds	leaves
spotted spurge	tall fescue	ground ivy fowl mannagrass	purple cudweed gumweed broom snakeweed Kentucky coffee- tree	common sneezeweed fine-leaf sneeze-	weed purplehead sneeze-	smallhead sneeze-	foxtail barley	little barley	smooth hydrangea golden seal	bitter rubberweed St. Johnswort	yaupon morningglory iris	eastern redcedar	hairy caltrop kochia	prickly lettuce	henbit wood nettle wild winter pea singletary pea		motherwort
Euphorbiaceae	Gramineae	Labiatae Gramineae	Compositae Compositae Compositae Leguminosae	Compositae Compositae	Compositae	Compositae	Gramineae	Gramineae	Saxifragaceae Ranunculaceae	Compositae Hypericaceae	Aquifoliaceae Convolvulaceae Iridaceae	Cupressaceae	Zvgophyllaceae Chenopodiaceae	Compositae	Labiatae Urticaceae Leguminosae Leguminosae	Leguminosae	Labiatae
p, ** E. nutans Lag. = E. maculata L.	** Festuca arundinacea Schreb.	** Glechoma bederacea L. ** Glyceria striata (Lam.) Hitch.	Gnapbalium purpureum L. Grindelia squarrosa (Pursh) Dunal Gutierrezia sarotbrae (Pursh) Britt. & Rusby ** Gymnocladus dioica (L.) K. Koch.	** Helenium autumnale L. ** H. amarum Raf.	** H. flexuosum Raf.	H. microcephalum DC.	m Hordeum jubatum L.	m H. pusillum Nutt.	Hydrangea arborescens L. ** Hydrastis canadensis L.	** Hymenoxys odorata DC. d(7), p ** Hypericum perforatum L.	Ilex vomitoria Ait. Ipomoea spp. d(7), ** Iris spp.	d Juniperus virginiana L.	** Kallstroemia birsutissima Vail p Kocbia scoparia (L.) Schrad.	** Lactuca scariola L.	Lamium amplexicaule L. d(7) Labortea canadensis L. Wedd. ** Latbyrus birsutus L. L. latifolius L.	** L. pusillus L.	d(7) Leonurus cardiaca L.

	Physalis heterophylla Nees	Solanaceae	groundcherry	leaves & unripe	unknown (14)
* * *	Phytolacca americana L.	Phytolaccaceae	common pokeweed	roots most toxic	triterpenes (1),
	Pinus ponderosa Dougl., var. Scopulorum Engelm.	Pinaceae	western yellow pine	needles & buds	unknown
*	** P. taeda L. Pisum sativum L.	Pinaceae Leguminosae	loblolly pine garden pea	needles ensilage from pods	unknown
*	** Podophyllum peltatum L.	Berberidaceae	mayapple	stems, leaves,	podophyllin
d(7)	d(7) Polygonum pensylvanicum L.	Polygonaceae	Pennsylvania smartweed	sap, leaves	nitrates?
* * * * *	Portuluca oleracea L. Prosopis glandulosa Torr. Cock. Prunus serotina Ehrh.	Portulacaceae Leguminosae Rosaceae	common purslane mesquite black cherry	all parts pods and seeds young fresh	oxalates cause impaction cyanogenic glycoside
* * *	& ** P. virginiana L.	Rosaceae	common choke-	leaves fresh leaves	cyanogenic glycoside
	Psoralea argyropbylla Pursh	Leguminosae	scurf pea	seeds	probably
* *	P. tenuiflora Pursh ** Pteridium aquilinum (L.) Kuhn	Leguminosae Polypodiaceae	scurfy psoralea eastern bracken	seeds suspect mature leaves	thiaminase
*	** Quercus gumbelii Nutt.	Fagaceae	gambel oak	acorns, young	probably tanning and
*	** Q. havardii Rydb.	Fagaceae	sand shinnery oak	snoots acorns, young shoots	otner toxins (10) probably tannins and other toxins (10)
d(7), **	d(7), ** Ranunculus abortivus L.	Ranunculaceae	smallflower	leaves	protoanemonin (1, 6)
d(7), ** d(7), **	d(7), ** R. parviflorus L. d(7), ** R. sceleratus L.	Ranunculaceae Ranunculaceae	buttercup buttercup celeryleaf butter-	leaves leaves	protoanemonin (1, 6) protoanemonin (1, 6)
	Reverchonia arenaria Gray Rhododendron canescens Sweet	Euphorbiaceae Ericaceae	spurge Canadian rhodo-	stems, leaves leaves suspect	resinoids
÷ ۲۰ * *		Ericaceae Anacardiaceae	rhododendron poison ivy	leaves suspect all parts	resinoids catechols
* 8	Robinia pseudoacacia L. Robinia pseudoacacia L.	buphorbiaceae Leguminosae	castor bean black locust	seeds inner bark, seeds, young leaves	ricin robin (phytotoxin), robitin
*	Rudbeckia birta L. R. laciniata L. * Rumex acetosella L.	Compositae Compositae Polygonaceae	hairy coneflower coneflower sorrel	stem, leaves stem, leaves all parts	(glycoside) (10) unknown unknown nitrates,
*	* R. crispus L.	Polygonaceae	curly dock	all parts	oxalates nitrates, oxalates

888	Salsola kali L. Salvia reflexa Hornem. Sambucus canadensis L.	Chenopodiaceae Labiatae Caprifoliaceae	Russian thistle annual sage American elder	all parts all parts root, stem.	nitrates nitrates? cvanozenic elycoside
d(7) Sanguinaria canadensis L.	anadensis L.	Papaveraceae	bloodroot	leaves red sap	sanguinarine (10),
Saponaria officinalis L.	fficinalis L.	Caryophyllaceae	bouncing bet	seeds	berberine & protopine (1) saponins (1) ,
*** S. vaccaria L.	ئ	Caryophyllaceae	cow cockle	green parts,	githagenin (10) githagenin (10)
Scirpus americanus Pe Secale cereale L. (15) Senecio longilobus Bel	Scirpus americanus Pers. Secale cereale L. (15) Senecio longilobus Benth.	Cyperaceae Graminae Compositae	American bulrush rye threadleaf	seeds stems, leaves all parts stem, leaves	nitrates longilobine (6)
S. plattensis Nutt. S. riddellii T. & G. Sesbania vesicaria (S. plattensis Nutt. S. riddellii T. & G. Sesbania vesicaria (Jacq.) Ell.	Compositae Compositae Leguminosae	groundsel squaw-weed Riddell groundsel bagpod sesbania	stem, leaves all parts flowers and	longilobine (6) riddelliine (6) saponins
Setaria lut Solanum c	m Setaria lutescens (Wiegel) F. T. Hubb. d(16) * & ** Solanum carolinense L.	Gramineae Solanaceae	yellow foxtail horsenettle	seeds barbs on fruits berries	solanine & other
S. elaeagn	** S. elaeagnifolium Cav.	Solanaceae	silverleaf night-	berries	alkaloids (6) solanine, alkaloids (6)
S. nigrum L.	, L.	Solanaceae	shade black nightshade	leaves and	solanine, alkaloids (6)
S. rostratum D. S. torreyi Gray	m <i>S. rostratum</i> Dunal S. <i>torreyi</i> Gray	Solanaceae Solanaceae	buffalobur horse nettle	green berries fruits green fruits	solanine & other
S. triflorum Nutt.	im Nutt.	Solanaceae	cutleaf night-	berries	alkaloids (6) solanine, alkaloids (6)
Solidago mo S. odora Ait.	** Solidago mollis Bartl. ** S. odora Ait.	Compositae Compositae	shade goldenrod goldenrod	leaves leaves when	irritant resin nitrates
S. speciosa Nutt.	a Nutt.	Compositae	goldenrod	rust infected leaves when	
Soncbus : Sorgbum	Sonchus spp. Sorgbum balepense (L.) Pers.	Compositae Gramineae	sowthistle johnsongrass	rust infected all parts	nitrates
S. bicolor Spigelia 1	p, ** S. bicolor (L.) Moench Spigelia marilandica L.	Gramineae Loganiaceae	sudangrass pinkroot	young leaves	cyanogenic glycoside cyanogenic glycoside anthelmintic
Stellaria 1 m Stipa spp.	Stellaria media (L.) Cyrill Stipa spp. (those with persistent awns)	Caryophyllaceae Gramineae	chickweed needlegrass	all parts mature fruits	overdose (14) nitrates
** Suckleya	suckleyana (Torr.) Rydb.	Chenopodiaceae	poison suckleya	stem, leaves	cyanogenic glycoside
I anacesum vusgare Thlaspi arvense L. Tribulus terrestris L	ı anacelum vulgare L. Tblaspi arvense L. Tribulus terrestris L.	Compositae Cruciferae Zygophyllaceae	tansy field pennycress puncturevine	leaves, flowers seeds leaves fruits	tanacetin (an oil) (10)
		-120 Fred sancens	Puncturevine	leaves, rruns	nitrates

cause impaction	unknown	nitrates β -cyano- \hat{L} -alanine β -cyano- L -alanine cyanogenic glycoside	hydroquinone	nitrates veratramine (1) zygadenine (6) zygocine (10)
stem, leaves mature flowers stems, leaves all parts	an parts leaf hairs	all parts seeds seeds seeds	seeds, seedlings leaves	fungus on leaves bulb, young shoots
alsike clover crimson clover red clover white clover	wneat stinging nettle	crownbeard narrowleaf vetch common vetch hairy vetch	heartleaf cocklebur bur prickly ash	corn, maize death camas
Leguminosae Leguminosae Leguminosae Leguminosae	Gramineae Urticaceae	Composiae Leguminosae Leguminosae Leguminosae	Compositae Rutaceae	Gramineae Liliaceae
p Trifolium bybridum L. ** T. incarnatum L. p T. pratense L. T. repens L.	** 1 rincum aestrum L. (15) d(7) Urtica dioica L.	Verbesina encelioides (Cav.) B. & H. ** Vicia angustifolia Reichard ** V. sativa L. ** V. villosa Roth	m, ** Xanthium strumarium L. ** Xanthoxylum americanum Mill.	Zea mays L. ** Zigadenus nuttallii Gray