

Safe Plants for Pets

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Recommended branches for perches, chew sticks. All should be untreated with paint, preservatives or fixatives. It is recommended that you scrub a branch with dilute bleach, rinse well and allow it to thoroughly dry before giving it to your pet.

Willow
 Apple
 Bamboo
 Vine Maple
 Young branches of Big Leaf Maple (smooth bark)
 Crabapple Tree
 Dogwood
 Coffee Tree
 Norfolk Island Pine
 Manzanita

Note: Douglas Fir is not toxic, but branches may have sticky sap

To decrease stress in a bird, it might be advantageous to use plants indigenous to the part of the world the bird originally came from, with the idea that he/she may inherently recognize that plant.

| Common Name | Latin Name | Place of Origin |
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| Acacia | <i>Acacia sp.</i> | Australasia |
| African Violet | <i>Saintpaulia sp.</i> | Central Africa |
| Aloe | <i>Aloe sp.</i> | So. Africa |
| Baby Tears | <i>Helxine sp.</i> | Corsica |
| Bamboo | <i>Anindhinaria sp.</i> | Japan, Asia |
| Begonias | <i>Begonia sp.</i> | So. East Asia |
| Bougainvillea | <i>Bougainvillea sp.</i> | Brazil: Note spines may need to be removed |
| Chickweed | <i>Cerastium vulgatum</i> | Weed, No. America |
| Christmas cactus | <i>Schumbergera sp.</i> | Brazil |
| Cissus, Kangaroo Vine | <i>Cissus sp.</i> | Australia |
| Coffee | <i>Coffea arabica</i> | Asia, tropical Africa |
| Coleus | <i>Coleus sp.</i> | So. East Asia |
| Corn Plant | <i>Dracaena fragrans</i> | Tropical Africa |
| Crabapple | <i>Malus sp.</i> | Japan, hybrids worldwide |
| Dandelion | <i>Taraxacum officinale</i> | Weed, worldwide |
| Dogwood | <i>Cornus sp.</i> | Japan, var worldwide |
| Donkey Tail | <i>Sedum morganianum</i> | Worldwide except Australia |
| Dracaena varieties | <i>Dracaena sp.</i> | Tropical Africa |

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| Ferns: | | |
| Asparagus Fern | <i>A. plumosus, sprengeri, densiflores</i> | So. Africa |
| Bird's Nest Fern | <i>Asplenium rudes avis</i> | Australasia, New Zealand |
| Boston and related ferns | <i>Nephrolepis exaltata</i> | Tropics and subtropics |
| Maiden Hair Fern | <i>Adiantum sp.</i> | Subtropics and Temperate |
| Figs: | | |
| Creeping, Rubber, Fiddleleaf, Laurel Leaf, Weeping, etc. | <i>Ficus sp.</i> | Tropical Asia |
| Gardenia | <i>Gardenia jasminoides</i> | China, Formosa, Japan |
| Grape Ivy | <i>Rhoicissus rhomboidea</i> | So. Africa |
| Hens and Chicks | <i>Sempervivum lectorum, Echevaria sp.</i> | Europe, Asia |
| Jade Plant | <i>Crassula argenta</i> | So. Africa |
| Kalanchoe | <i>Kalanchoe sp.</i> | So. Am, China, Madagascar |
| Magnolia | <i>Magnolia sp.</i> | China, Japan |
| Marigolds | <i>Tagetes sp.</i> | Mexico |
| Monkey Plant | <i>Ruellia sp.</i> | Brazil |
| Mother-in-Law's Tongue | <i>Sanseieria</i> | West Africa |
| Nasturtium | <i>Tropaeolum majus</i> | So. America |
| Natal Plum | <i>Carissa grandiflora</i> | So. Africa |
| Norfolk Island Pine | <i>Araucariaa excelsa</i> | New Zealand |
| Palms: | | |
| Areca | <i>Chrysalidocarpus sp.</i> | India |
| Fan | <i>Trachycarpus fortunei, Chamaerops humilis</i> | China |
| Lady | <i>Rhapis excelsa</i> | Asia |
| Parlour | <i>Neanthe belle</i> | Mexico |
| Howeia-Kentia | <i>Howeia sp.</i> | Lord Howe Islands |
| Phoenix (Date) | <i>P.canariensis, roebelenii</i> | Canary Is., So. East Africa |
| Sago | <i>Cycas sp., Zumia sp.</i> | China |
| Pepperomia | <i>Pepperomia sp.</i> | Tropical America |
| Petunia | <i>Petunia sp.</i> | Argentina |
| Pittosporum | <i>Pittosporum sp.</i> | Australia, New Zealand |
| Pothos | <i>Scindapsus sp.</i> | So. East Asia |
| Prayer Plant | <i>Maranta sp.</i> | Tropical America |
| Purple Passion (Velvet Nettle) | <i>Cunura airantiaca</i> | So. East Asia |
| Schefflera (Umbrella) | <i>Brassia sp.</i> | Australia |
| Sensitive Plant | <i>Mimosa sp.</i> | Brazil |
| Spider Plant* | <i>Chlorophytum sp.</i> | So. Africa |
| Swedish Ivy | <i>Plectranthus sp.</i> | Europe |
| Thistle | <i>Circium sp.</i> | Weed, worldwide |
| Wandering Jew | <i>Tradescantia sp., Zebrina sp.</i> | Tropical America |

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| White Clover | <i>Trifolium repens</i> | Weed, varieties worldwide |
| Zebra Plant | <i>Aphelandra sp.</i> | Tropical So. America |
| | <i>Calathea zebrine</i> | Brazil |

*Spider plants may absorb air fumes and smokes in the home. They are considered to be “air cleaners” and such may/may not be toxic depending on what they have absorbed. Be cautious.

This list is by no means exclusive. Most flowers that are edible for humans (pansy, hibiscus, orchid, lilac, violet, rose petals) are likely safe as well.

If you do not see a plant on this list, check the information on the “Dangerous Plants” file.