



The South African Pony Club



POISONOUS PLANTS ACHIEVEMENT BADGE

GUIDELINES:

To be able to identify the poisonous plants as listed in The Manual of Horsemanship Chapter 15, Page 152 and Keeping a Pony at Grass.

Recommended Reading:

The Manual of Horsemanship – Chapter 15, Page 152
Keeping a Pony at Grass
Poisonous Plants Wall Chart

KEYPOINTS:

Acorn, Black Nightshade, Deadly Nightshade, Foxglove, Golden Rod, Hemlock, Horse-Tail, Laburnum, Privet, Woody Nightshade, Yew, etc.

TEACHING, TESTING IDEAS AND RESOURCES:

- a) Work-sheet with sketches for colouring and identification
- b) Plants can be gathered in season (with appropriate safeguards)
- c) Use coloured identification chart – available from P.C. Headquarters UK.

PLANTS POISONOUS TO HORSES IN SOUTH AFRICA

Reference : Poisonous Plants of SA, Briza

Generally the following groups of plants should be avoided:

- Daisies, lilies, bulbs, evergreens, fruits, plants with berries, thorns, some fynbos plants including erica's, tubers
- Remember horses should eat mainly grasses and herbs

FRUIT TREES

- Fig
- Avocado
- Poison Olive
- Wild date

FOOD SOUNDING PLANTS

- Wild yams
- Potato plants
- Brazilian pepper tree – pink pepper
- Chilli peppers
- Millet (Grain sorghum)
- Castor oil plant
- Wild lucerne
- St Johns Wort – hypericum
- Poison onion

- Wild cucumber
- Cotton
- Absinthe
- Quinine
- Coca plant
- Tobacco
- Poppy (Opium)

CHRISTMAS PLANTS

- Holly
- Mistletoe
- Poinsettia
- Hydrangea (krismis roos)

FLOWERS

- Arum lilies
- Azalea
- Poppy
- Butercup
- Foxglove
- Chrysanthemum (pyrethrum)
- Moon flower (angels trumpet)
- Hyacinth
- Iris
- Flame lily
- Blue lupin
- Amaryllis
- Periwinkle
- March lily, deadly nightshade – belladonna
- Tulips
- Morning glory
- Delphinium (butterfly)
- Cyclamen

INDIGENOUS FYNBOS

- Geel suring (yellow sorrel)
- Wild everlasting (sewe jaartjie)
- Bushman's poison bulb (gifbol)
- Bushman's poison bush (arrow poison)
- Wild almond
- Impala lily
- Chinkerinchee (star of Bethlehem)
- White sweet clover, stink clover, wildstinkklawer
- Yellow tulip
- Horse tail
- Vuursiektebos

WEEDS

- Purple weed – paterson's curse
- Ragwort
- Thorn apple, milkweed (melkbos, tonelbos)
- Devil's thorn (duiweltjie)
- Cocklebur (kankerroos)
- Dronkgras (staggersgrass)
- Kraalbos, perdebos
- Prickly poppy
- Pigweed

TREES

- Lucky bean tree
- Acorns from oak tree
- Silly oak (protea)
- Tamboti tree
- Syringa, seringboom
- Giant wattle
- Wonderboom
- Candelabra tree (succulent)
- Corral tree
- Sasbanis
- Wondervyboom
- Paperbarkthorn
- Tung oil tree

BUSHES AND SHRUBS

- Elephants ear, pigs ear
- Bracken fern
- Blister bush
- Verbena (lavental)
- Cycads, broodboom
- Bitterbos
- Inkberry
- Oleander
- Magnolia
- Jerusalem cherry
- Cherry laurel
- Yesterday, today and tomorrow (brunfelsia)
- Aster (daisy type)
- Red hot cats tail
- Moonflower (angels trumpet)
- Kandelaarsbos, krimpsiektebos
- Poison ivy
- Kruidjie-roer-my-nie
- Ganskweek (looks like a daisy)
- Hemlock
- Diffenbachia, spotted cane

HEDGES

- Yew
- Privet

CREEPERS

- Bouganvilla
- Jasmine
- Ivy
- Melktoe
- Lantana, wilderoosmaryn
- Bobbejaantou
- Dawidjiewortel
- Passiflora, bobbejaangif

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