Safe House and Outdoor Plants

Note: Nothing is safe if toxic chemicals or insecticides have been sprayed on them. Before installing them in any cage, scrub all branches with a non-toxic disinfectant (such as diluted chlorine bleach) then rinse and dry well.

- Acacia Aloe
- African Violet
- Baby’s Tears
- Bamboo
- Begonia
- Bougainvillea
- Chickweed
- Christmas Cactus
- Cissus/Kangaroo Vine
- Coffee
- Coleus
- Corn Plant
- Crabapple
- Dandelion
- Dogwood
- Donkey Tail
- Dracaena Varieties
- Ferns (asparagus, birdnest, boston, maidenhair)
- Figs (creeping, rubber, fiddle leaf)
- Figs (laurel leaf)
- Gardenia
- Grape Ivy
- Hen’s and Chickens
- Herbs (ex oregano, rosemary, thyme)
- Jade Plant
- Kalanchoe
- Marigold
- Monkey Plant
- Mother-in-Law’s Tongue
- Nasturtium
- Natal Plum
- Pepperomia
- Petunia
- Pittosporum
- Prayer Plant
- Purple Passion/Velvet Nettle
- Schefflera (Umbrella) Sensitive Plant
- Spider Plant
- Swedish Ivy
- Thistle
- Wandering Jew
- White Clover
- Zebra Plant

Trees and Bushes

Source: Gillian Willis

- Apple
- Arbutus
- Ash
- Aspen
- Beech
- Birch
- Citrus (any)
- Cottonwood
- Crabapple
- Dogwood
- Elm
- Eucalyptus
- Fir
- Guava
- Hawthorn
- Larch
- Madrona
- Magnolia
- Manzanita
- Norfolk Island Pine
- Nuts (except chestnut and oak)
- Palms (areca, date, fan, lady, parlour)
- Palms (howeia, kentia, phoenix, sago)
- Pear
- Pine
- Poplar
- Sequoia (Redwood)
- Willow

Myths: Apple Seeds

Apple belongs to the Malus species. Apple SEEDS contain cyanogenic glycosides which release cyanide when ingested. It is not necessary to core apples before giving them to your birds. The small amount of cyanide that would be released from ingesting a few seeds is very unlikely to cause cyanide toxicity in birds. If they were to ingest a large number, cyanide poisoning could occur.

All other parts of the apple including the wood, is nontoxic. Apple branches are safe to use as natural wood perches.

All parts of plants/trees belonging to the Prunus species, with the EXCEPTION of the fruit itself, contain cyanogenic glycosides. This includes apricot, peach, nectarine, plum and cherry. The kernels inside these fruits should not be fed to birds, nor the wood used for perches.