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**Part 1: Affecting Mouth and Throat**

These plants contain insoluble calcium oxalate microscopic needle-like crystals called raphides. These crystals cause injury to the mouth, throat, tongue area and sometimes makes the person speechless or dumb. In case of ingestion please contact the Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222.

*Arisaema* spp. (GREEN DRAGON, INDIAN TURNIP, JACK-IN-THE-PULPIT); entire plant; gastrointestinal tract affected by plant toxins; mouth irritated by plant raphides; plant also causes dermatitis.

*Alocasia* spp. (ELEPHANT’S EAR, TARO); leaves, stems; mouth irritated by plant raphides.

*Arum* spp. (CUCKOO-PINT, ITALIAN ARUM, LORDS & LADIES); entire plant; gastrointestinal tract affected by plant toxins; mouth irritated by plant raphides; plant also causes dermatitis.

*Caladium* spp. (CALADIUM, also see *Xanthosoma* spp.); leaves; mouth irritated by plant raphides.

*Calla pallustrius* (WILD CALLA, WATER ARUM); entire plant; mouth irritated by plant raphides.

*Colocasia esculenta* (ELEPHANT’S EAR, TARO); leaves; mouth irritated by plant raphides.

*Dieffenbachia* spp. (DUMBCANE); leaves; mouth irritated by plant raphides; plant also causes dermatitis.

*Monstera* spp. (CERIMAN, SPLIT LEAVE PHILODENDRON); leaves; mouth irritated by plant raphides.

*Philodendron* spp. (PHILODENDRON); leaves; mouth irritated by plant raphides.

*Symplocarpus foetidus* (SKUNK CABBAGE); leaves; gastrointestinal tract affected by plant toxins; mouth irritated by plant raphides.

*Xanthosoma* spp. (CALADIUM); leaves; mouth irritated by plant raphides; plant also causes dermatitis.

*Zantedeschia aethiopica* (CALLA LILY, PIG LILY, WHITE ARUM LILY, WHITE CALLA); leaves; mouth irritated by plant raphides.