

# Foxglove, *Digitalis purpurea*



**Identification:** Big, upright biennial; up to 12 feet tall. Large softly-hairy lower leaves with toothed edges, growing alternately and getting progressively smaller up the stem. Pink-purple or white tube flowers with paler lower side and dark spots within in 1-sided raceme.

**Habitat:** Roadsides, fields and pastures, forest edges, logged areas.

**Animals Affected:** All livestock.

**Toxin Family:** Cardiac glycosides.

**Other:** Causes abdominal pain (colic) and diarrhea as well as cardiac arrhythmias and heart block.

Not usually eaten. Eaten if other food is scarce and poisoned animals may develop a craving. Highly poisonous in hay.