

Disclaimer

Responsible Use of BrowseBuddy

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BrowseBuddy is designed to support zookeepers and other zoo professionals by providing plant identification and information about the suitability of plants for feeding zoo animals. It is intended as a decision-support tool and should not replace professional judgement, institutional protocols, or veterinary advice.

Plant identification is generated using one of the best botanical recognition engines available, and BrowseBuddy displays confidence scores and alternative matches to help users assess identification accuracy. However, no automated identification system is fully accurate.

Misidentification can occur, particularly when the confidence score is low or when different species closely resemble one another. An incorrectly identified plant may be unsuitable or hazardous for the animals in your care. Users should always independently verify the identified species before making any feeding decision.

Plant suitability information is compiled and interpreted from reputable scientific literature, professional guidance, and expert sources. However, information may not always be complete, current, or applicable to every situation.

Plants should always be offered as part of a balanced and varied diet appropriate for the animal species.

Please also note that a correctly identified and otherwise suitable plant may still be hazardous due to pesticides, environmental pollution, fungal contamination, or other contaminants. Responsibility for sourcing clean and safe plant material remains with the user.

Ultimately, the responsibility for identifying plants and determining whether they are suitable for the animals in your care remains with the user. When in doubt, either do not feed the plant or seek advice from a qualified professional, such as a botanist or veterinarian.