



NOV FLASH

During a holiday vacation at my parent's house, I noticed that there were piles of seed pods and hard red bean shaped seeds that fell off the Sophora trees in the front and back yard. I knew that this was a problem for the environment because it was going to be an issue if any animal, including humans, because not only are the seeds poisonous, but they're also toxic, and eating them will lead to symptoms like nausea, vomiting, confusion, respiratory, convulsions, fever, muscle twitching, paralysis, and sometimes can lead to death also.

Although they're used in medication and some other things that are safe, the seeds and pods are most cited as highly poisonous due to alkaloids like cyisine and also sparteine, which cause severe vomiting, diarrhea, or worse if eating. Depending on the species, the tree leaves are poison and so are the flowers. But whatever species of Sophora, it's better not to eat any part of the Sophora tree because even though poison amounts vary sometimes, it's bad for your nervous system. My good deed saved not only the environment but also the lives of many living creatures.

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