

If taking plant samples for identification use gloves, and avoid contacting the specimen on the skin as some species can cause severe allergic reactions.

Be prepared to provide a general description of the environment including the source and availability of water, salt, and minerals and the presence of other materials, such as tree trimmings, old building materials, or any other items within the animals' reach that might also be a potential source of toxic compounds. Also consider recent weather conditions—such as frost or drought—as they can elevate toxicity in some plants.

