

Bracken fern

Pteridium aquilinum

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Bracken fern leaf detail

toxins	Thiaminase
species	Cattle, pigs, sheep, horses
habitat	Woods, shaded open areas
symptoms	Hemorrhaging from nose, mouth, or other mucous membrane, blood in urine or feces, high temperature, dizziness, weakness, blindness.
toxic plant parts	All plant parts are toxic. Young plants ("fiddle heads") are up to five times as poisonous as mature plants. Drying the plant parts does not reduce the toxicity of this plant. Palatability can be high as some animals may select this plant over other forage species.
poison details	Animals need to eat substantial amounts over at least a month for signs or symptoms to manifest. Mortality in cattle has been observed when 50% of their diet was bracken fern for greater than 30 days. Horses were poisoned when fed six pounds per day for one month.