

## Foxglove

Genus: Scropholariaceae

Species: *Digitalis purpurea*

Flowering Period: VI/ VIII

Foxglove is a biannual plant and readily reseeds itself. It is a nice addition to a perennial flowerbed do to his height (2 to 5 feet) and unusual blooms. The foxglove depending on the variety bloom in pink, red, purple, white and yellow. Foxgloves leaves contain digitalis, a potent heart medicine, and are considered poisonous. Plant in full sun or part shade and well drained moist soil. It is rabbit and deer resistant and a good cut flower. Use along fences, wooded areas and in containers.

Foxglove has been used as an ornamental and medicinal plant since the 17 th century. The toxin found in digitalis is called digitalin and is used as a heart stimulant and to treat heart disease.



