

## *Anthemis cotula*

### **Common name:**

Stinking mayweed, Corn chamomile

### **Palatability to Livestock:**

Low.

### **Toxicity to Goats:**

Low risk.

### **Toxicity to Other Species:**

Potentially toxic to all animals.

### **Poisonous Principle:**

Unknown.

### **Effects:**

*Signs and symptoms;*

. Intense irritation to and swelling of, the lips, tongue, mouth and throat.

*Health and Production Problems;*

. Contains acrid substances, irritating to the mucous membranes.  
. Recovery in most cases.

*Treatment;*

. Be aware of potential stock problems.

### **Integrated Control Strategy:**

. Try herbicides, (Group C and F), or Bromoxyl®  
. Cultivate, and sow to a competitive pasture.

### **Comments:**

. A smelly, erect, annual forb, growing up to 40 cms high, leaves are fern-like.  
. Flowers have a yellow conical centre, surrounded by white ray-like florets, appearing in summer and autumn.  
. Spread is by seed.  
. A second variety is semi-erect, and almost scentless.  
. All parts of these plants may be toxic.

. This weed is widespread throughout most of the eastern states.  
. A weed of cultivation, roadsides and wasteland.  
. Any part of the plant can taint animal products.  
. It is suspected of poisoning poultry.  
. Gives off a foetid odour when crushed, and is distasteful to stock.



Picture: *Anthemis cotula* Wikipedia

### **Further Reading;**

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