

## *Eremophila longifolia*

### **Common name:**

Emu bush, Berrigan, Native plum,

### **Palatability to Livestock:**

High at all stages.

### **Toxicity to Goats:**

Not known to be toxic.

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

Livestock in general.

### **Poisonous Principle:**

Unknown.

### **Effects:**

*Signs and symptoms;*

- . Dullness,
- . Reluctance to move,
- . Collapse.
- . Autopsy shows Haemorrhage in all tissues.

*Health and Production Problems;*

If hungry or force fed, animals may get ill.

*Treatment;*

- . Be aware of potential stock problems.

### **Integrated Control Strategy:**

- . Control achieved by grazing management.

### **Comments:**

- . A widely distributed species, occurring on most soil types, growing up to three metres tall.
- . Withstands climatic extremes very well.
- . Disturbance of the roots promotes suckering.
- . Useful for preventing soil erosion.
- . Widely distributed in all states.
- . Drooping branches and foliage, leaves are very long and dull dark green.
- . Flowers are pink to reddish, occurring most of the year. They are covered with tiny soft hairs, and curved and bell shaped, found in small groups, in the leaf axils.

- . Fruits are purplish black, and succulent.
- . A very good fodder plant, if care is taken with the intake.
- . Used by Aborigines, externally for sores, and internally, as a cold cure.



Pictures: *Eremophila longifolia* asgap.org.au

### **Further Reading:**

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