

Cassia pleurocarpa

Common name:

Australian Senna, Firebush,

Palatability to Livestock:

High.

Toxicity to Goats:

Pods only, medium level toxicity.

Toxicity to Other Species:

Probable.

Poisonous Principle:

Unknown.

Effects:

Signs and Symptoms:

. Scouring, death in extreme circumstances.

Health and Production Problems:

Pods may be toxic to all livestock.

Treatment:

Nil.

Integrated Control Strategy:

. Be aware of potential stock problems.

Comments:

- . Native to Australia; widespread habit, tolerating frost, drought and extreme heat.
- . Especially abundant after fire,
- . Tall spindly shrub, may spread by suckers, growing to three metres or more.
- . Branches from close to the ground into weak branches, terminating in tufts of long pinnate leaves.
- . Narrow blunt tipped leaflets are in widely spaced pairs and are a dull bluish green.
- . Sprays of small cup-shaped flowers, late spring.
- . Flattened seed pods ripen to black before splitting to release their seeds.



Picture: Helen Simmonds. Calga. NSW



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Further Reading:

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