**Duranta repens**

**Common name:**
Golden dewdrop, Pigeon berry,

**Palatability to Livestock:**
Garden plant, not known to be eaten.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Low degree of toxicity.

**Toxicity to Other Species:**
Potentially toxic to grazing animals and pets.

**Poisonous Principle:**
. Saponins,
. Unknown alkaloids,
. Unknown glucocide,
. Prussic acid (HCN). maybe pyridine.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms;*
. Sleepiness,
. High temperature,
. Convulsions,
. Swelling of lips and eye-lids.

*Health and Production Problems;*
. Stock may die after being fed these clippings.

*Treatment;*
Be aware of potential stock problems.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
. Do not feed garden clippings to livestock.
. Prune clippings into disposable bags.
. Induce vomiting, then activated charcoal.
. See Vet.

**Comments:**
. Berries cause fever and convulsions.
. A much branched, fast-growing, bushy, evergreen, garden shrub or small tree.
. Stems up to four metres, long or high, stems are drooping, some varieties have spines.

. Leaves, opposite, tapering, thin and oval.
. Sometimes leaves are variegated.
. Small trumpet shaped flowers in a compound raceme, either white or blue.
. Flowers hang on a one-sided raceme.
. Shiny, succulent, toxic fruits are small, egg-shaped and yellow, on long strings.
. Flowers and fruit appear at the same time, from spring to autumn.
. Often used as a hedge plant.
. Native to tropical America. Used as a hedge plant in NSW and Queensland.
. Can grow from cuttings.

Further Reading:
. McBarron Medical and Veterinary Aspects of Plant Poisons in NSW. 1976
. Wilson. Some Plants are Poisonous. 1997

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