**Dysphania spp**

*Common name:*  
Red crumbweed,

*Palatability to Livestock:*  
Only when hungry.

*Toxicity to Goats:*  
Potentially toxic.

*Toxicity to Other Species:*  
Toxic to sheep and cattle, maybe horses.

*Poisonous Principle:*  
. HCN, cyanogenetic.

*Effects:*  
*Signs and symptoms;*  
. Fall down, struggle to get up,  
. Shiver and shake, rapid pulse,  
. Difficulty in breathing,  

*Health and Production Problems:*  
. Dangerous in times of poor feed,  
. Death within hours, or a rapid recovery.

*Treatment:*  
. Prevent hungry stock having access to this plant.

*Integrated Control Strategy:*  
. Be aware of potential stock problems.

*Comments:*  
. An annual, red-stemmed herb, usually prostrate, often turned up at the tips.  
. Leaves are alternate, succulent, a dull pale green, 6-12 cms long, and rounded at the tip, and tapered at the base to a slender stalk.  
. Flowers are very small and white, in globular clusters in the forks of each leaf.  
. Recorded from all mainland states and NT, chiefly in inland areas in silty or loamy soils.  
. Sprouts mainly after summer rain.  
. Has been suspected of poisoning sheep.

. *Dysphania rhadinostachyum,* Green crumbweed.  
. A yellowish-green annual plant, seedling growth is prostrate, leaves 10-25cm long with wavy edges.  
. Numerous erect unbranched crumbly seed heads appear – characteristic of the species.  
. Flowers are inconspicuous, in small clusters.  
. Downy green fruits enclose a tiny, shiny, reddish-black seed.  
. Found on roadsides and waste areas.  
. Not a palatable plant, only eaten in times of poor pasture growth.  
. Not a great deal is known about the toxicity of this plant.

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