

Gnaphalium spp

Common name:

Cudweed,

Palatability:

Seldom eaten.

Toxicity to Goats:

Low risk.

Toxicity to Other Species:

Potentially toxic to sheep and cattle.

Poisonous Principle:

Nitrates.

Effects:

Signs and symptoms;

- . Respiratory distress.
- . Darkening of the gums.

Health and Production Problems;

- . Seldom eaten, so should not cause problems.
- . Rapid death, or sometimes rapid recovery, if too much nitrate containing fodder is available.

Treatment;

- . Be aware of potential stock problems.

Integrated Control Strategy:

- . Fertilise and cultivate.
- . Herbicides, Group C.

Comments:

- . An annual, or a short lived perennial.
- . Long grey-green leaves, often with rather serrated edges.
- . Leaves are broad at the tip, tending to taper toward the stem.
- . Flowering stems are much longer than leafy stems.

. Tiny, whitish, flowerheads are set in the leaf axils.

. Not a serious weed, but common in turf, and poor pastures.



Picture: *Gnaphalium spp*
Helen Simmonds. Calga NSW.

Further Reading:

- . Auld and Medd. Weeds. 1992
- . Lamp and Collett. Field Guide to Weeds in Australia. 1979