**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*

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**Further Reading:**

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