**Hypericum triquetrifolium**

**Common name:**
Tangled hypericum
Waxy leaf St John’s wort,

**Palatability to Livestock:**
Moderate, before flowering.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Moderate risk.

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

**Poisonous Principle:**
Hypericin, and pseudohypericin.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms;*
. Mild diarrhoea,
. Skin irritation, especially the head,
. Reddening and swelling of the face and ears,
. Hind limb weakness,
. Increased pulse, and body temperature,
. Excess panting and salivation.

*Health and Production Problems;*
. Affected animals avoid the sun,
. Rub sore faces raw, resulting in scabs.
. Chronic ill-thrift and loss of production.

*Treatment;*
. Provide shade.
. Try local application of Condy’s crystals.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
. Do not cultivate as spread is by root pieces.
. Use herbicides.
. A prohibited weed in Victoria.

**Comments:**
. An erect perennial growing to about half a metre high.
. Stems develop from the crown, becoming reddish as they age.

*Further Reading:*
. Landcare Note. Victoria.

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