**Isotropis, spp,**

**Common name:**
Isotropis, Poison sage, Lamb poison,

**Palatability to Livestock:**
Seldom eaten.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Low.

**Toxicity to Other Species:**
Cattle and sheep.

**Poisonous Principle:**
Iforrestine.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms;*
. Anorexia, anuria, kidney failure,
. Muscle spasms,
. Lowering of body temperature,
. Gastroenteritis,
. Pneumonia.

*Health and Production Problems;*
. Sudden death.

*Treatment;*
. None.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
. Physically remove the plant, and cultivate.
. Be aware of potential stock problems.
. Prevent access to these plants.

**Comments:**
. Small shrubs with a woody taproot, growing to about two metres high, covered with a red down.
. Stems are fine and branched.
. Leaves are alternate, with the tips bent back, with small bracts at the base of the leaf stem.
. Flowers are pea-shaped, red to purple, in small racemes, similar to *Gastrolobium* flowers.
. Pods are velvety, oblong, grooved on the lower side, with a slight beak, brownish and wrinkled.
. All species come from Australia, and most come from Western Australia.
. Also found in NSW, on the coast, northern tablelands and central-west slopes in arid areas. Not found in Victoria or Queensland.
. Most losses occur in traveling stock.
. This plant seems to be most toxic when flowering or fruiting.

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**Further Reading:**

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