**Ludwegia peruviana**

**Common name:**
Ludwegia, Water primrose,

**Palatability to Livestock:**
Seldom eaten.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Low risk, unless hungry.

**Toxicity to Other Species:**
Maybe cattle.

**Poisonous Principle:**
Unknown.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms;*
. Suspected of causing gastro-enteritis in cattle.
. Horses, cattle and goats have been affected in Queensland.
. Listless and tucked-up, frothing at the mouth, and clamping of the jaws.
. Staggering, slobbering.
. Paralysis of the hind quarters, and dead within 2 days.
. Abortion, or birth of dead calves.

*Health and Production Problems;*
. Be aware of potential stock problems.

*Treatment;*
. Try activated charcoal.
. Remove stock from plant.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
. A water weed.
. Drag out and dispose.
. Slash and burn.
. Herbicides at flowering, or actively growing.

**Comments:**
. A herb with prostrate stems which can float on the water or creep through mud, rooting at the nodes.
. Floating stems are thick, soft and spongy, pale green or almost white, with numerous branched lateral shoots.
. Flowering stems are usually erect and covered with fine soft hairs, and pale yellow.
. Leaves are alternate, narrow, stalked, bright green and shiny,
. Occurs from N Qld to the Murray in SA.
. Most poisonings occur in spring and summer, which is the active period of growth.

![Ludwegia peruviana](nsw.gov.au/weeds)

**Further Reading:**
. AGDEX 647.
. Parsons and Cuthbertson.

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