**Myoporum acuminatum**

**Common name:**
Boobialla, Strichnine bush, Water bush,

**Palatability to Livestock:**
Moderate, at times.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Moderate risk.

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

**Poisonous Principle:**
. Furanosesquiterpenes,
. Ngaione.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms;*
. Drowsy, depressed,
. Arched back, laboured breathing,
. Soft swelling under the jaw,
. Jaundice, and photosensitization.
. In humans, kidney failure, damage to heart muscle, retention of fluid.

*Health and Production Problems;*
. Death from liver failure, within days of first onset.

*Treatment;*
. No treatment.
. Be aware of potential stock problems.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
. Control by grazing, and pasture management.

**Comments:**
. A shrub growing to several metres high.
. Some spp grow twisted stems along the ground.
. Alternate leaves are pale green, shiny and slightly fleshy, tapered at both ends.

. Bell-shaped flowers are white or pale cream, sometimes with spots, growing in clusters on slender stalks.
. Berry shaped fruits are dull purple when ripe.
.This spp is found in Queensland and NSW, from the coast to the inland. Growing on sand dunes, mangrove swamps or in scrubland.
. This plant is normally unpalatable to stock.
. Livestock should not be given access to this plant when under stress.

Further Reading: