**Myoporum deserti**

**Common name:**
Ellangowan poison bush, Dogwood, Turkey bush, Emu 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;*
. Depression, arched back in sheep,
. Bottle jaw,
. Laboured respiration,
. Jaundice,
. Photosensitization.

*Health and Production Problems;*
Death from liver failure within days.

*Treatment;*
Be aware of potential stock problems.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
. Deny hungry stock access to the plant.
. Traveling stock not used to the plant are the most affected.
. Control achieved by grazing management.

**Comments:**
. A dense shrub growing to about a metre high.
. Branches are thin and grey-brown.
. Leaves are bitter and burning to the taste, in various shapes and sizes, alternate, thick in texture, and tapered to a tip.
. Bell shaped flowers are white, appearing singly or in clusters of two to three, in the forks of leaves.
. Flowers appearing in winter.
. The fruits are round, ripening to yellow.
. Occurs in all mainland states, mainly in inland areas.
. If livestock are introduced to this plant gradually, they may tolerate reasonable amounts in their diet.
. Travelling stock seem to be most at risk from this plant.

**References:**

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