Romulea rosea

**Common name:**
Onion weed, Guildford grass.

**Palatability to Livestock:**
Moderate.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Moderate risk.

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

**Poisonous Principle:**
Unknown.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms;*
. Limb weakness, knuckling over in the fetlock joints,
. Incoordination,
. Walking on the knees,
. Recumbency.

*Health and Production Problems;*
. Staggers, paralysis.
. Breeding problems, failure to conceive, or maintain pregnancy.

*Treatment;*
Be aware of potential stock problems.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
. A garden escapee.
. Spotspray with glyphosates and “wetter” in winter.
. Do not feed this weed to any livestock.
. A declared “Noxious” weed in Western Australia.

**Comments:**
. A small perennial herb with long narrow grass-like leaves, with two grooves on either side, growing from a bulb, deep in the soil.

. Flowers are star shaped with red/purple petals.
. Native to S Africa, and found in all southern states of Australia, usually in sandy soils.
. Prefers bare, sunny, compacted ground, which is moist in winter.
. Leaves form fibre balls in the stomach, which can block the gut.

*Picture: Romulea rosea  Brushoff*

**Further Reading:**
. CSIRO.

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