**Solanum nigrum**

**Common name:**
Blackberry nightshade,

**Palatability to Livestock:**
Occasionally eaten.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Moderate risk.

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

**Poisonous Principle:**
- Glycocides, solanine, and others,
- Maybe nitrates.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms;*
- Diarrhoea and colic,
- Depression and weakness,
- Loss of appetite,
- Difficulty in breathing,
- Rapid, weak pulse,
- Muscle shivers.

*Health and Production Problems;*
- Weight loss,
- Some animals may die.

**Treatment;**
- Be aware of potential stock problems.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
- Hand pull, place in disposable bags if in flower.
- Spot spray, using glyphosates.

**Comments:**
- An erect or spreading herb, a short lived perennial.
- Toothed, soft, alternate leaves are smooth, sometimes hairy, bright green, to purple green.
- The main stalk is obliquely erect or maybe spreading and branched, with no prickles.

- White, or purple tinged, star-shaped flowers with five petals, on short, stiff stalks in the leaf axils.
- The fruits are green, turning shiny black, toxic especially when immature.
- Found in all Australian states, from moist to semi-arid areas.
- Seed spread is by birds, ingesting the seeds, and spreading seed through droppings.
- Flowering spring to autumn, berries mature into winter.

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