**Thevetia peruviana**

**Common name:**
Yellow oleander, Tree daffodil, Cook tree, Be-still tree,

**Palatability to Livestock:**
Not known to be eaten.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
High risk.

**Toxicity to Other Species:**
Toxic to all livestock, and humans.

**Poisonous Principle:**
Cardiac glycocides, notabley, thevetin, having a digitalis type reaction.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms;*
. Depression,
. Diarrhoea,
. Slow irregular heart beat, heart block.
. In humans, burning in the mouth, tingling tongue, vomiting, drowsiness slow pulse.

**Health and Production Problems:**
. Rapid death in many cases.

**Treatment:**
See Vet or Doctor.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
. Do not feed these clippings to any livestock.
. Use herbicides, do not burn residue.
. Place clippings into a disposable bag, and bury deeply, do not compost.
. Declared “Noxious” in Queensland.

**Comments:**
. A garden plant or escapee.
. A shrub up to 3.5 metres high, of neat rounded appearance.
. Leaves are alternate, long, narrow, glossy, bright green, and tapered at both ends.
. Toxic milky latex from all parts of the plant, if damaged.
. Flowers, fruit and leaves are toxic, even when dried.
. Bunches of drooping flowers are bright yellow, fragrant, and funnel shaped, at the end of branches, in spring to autumn.
. Fruits are thick and oval, with a groove around the middle, usually green, becoming black, containing a hard centre, with two kernels inside, this is the most toxic part.
. One seed can kill an infant.
. All parts toxic.
. In humans, vomiting, diarrhoea, irregular pulse, burning mouth, drowsiness.
. Native of tropical America, related to frangipani.

**Further Reading:**

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