**Trachyandra divaricata**

**Common name:**
Branched onion weed,
Strap weed, Dune onion weed,

**Palatability to Livestock:**
Low.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Low risk.

**Toxicity to Other Species:**
Toxic to sheep, cattle horses and pigs.

**Poisonous Principle:**
Unknown.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms;*
. Hind limb weakness, arched back,
. Reluctance to move, knuckling of the fetlocks, recumbency.

*Health and Production Problems;*
. Chronically debilitating and progressive condition in stock forced to eat this weed in dry months; onset is after 4 – 6 weeks.

**Treatment:**
Nil.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
. Unknown, try herbicides.

**Comments:**
. Tuberous perennial herb, spread by seed.
. Leaves are flat, growing as a clump from the base of the plant.
. The flowering stalk is sturdy, and has many branches, each having many flowering stalks.
. Flowering is in spring, white tubular flowers in small clusters, petals have a pair of yellow spots near the base.
. No smell of onions about any part of the plant.

A native of South Africa, now widespread in the south of WA, SA and NSW.

Further Reading:

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