**Ventilago viminalis**

**Common name:**
Supplejack,

**Palatability to Livestock:**
High at all stages.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Low risk.

**Toxicity to Other Species:**
Potentially toxic to sheep and cattle.

**Poisonous Principle:**
Hydrolysable tannins.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms;*
. Dark brown urine,
. Depression, stiff gait,
. Convulsions.

*Health and Production Problems;*
. Long term ill-thrift in animals that develop kidney damage,
. Sudden death.

*Treatment;*
See Vet.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
Be aware of potential stock problems.

**Comments:**
. Starts life as a woody climber, twining around the nearest tree.
. Becomes thick and woody, developing into a scrawny tree with several intertwining trunks and a crown of sparse drooping foliage.
. Eventually grows into a shapely spreading tree up to 6 m high, and 9 m across.
. Dense leafy crown, and many spreading branches that tend to droop.
. Bark on young stems is pale brown, on mature trunks dark, grey-brown, fissured.
. Leaves are alternate, dark green and narrow, with a prominent mid-vein, alternate, maybe glossy, blunt tip, distinct midrib.
. Flowers small, cream, in open bunches in the leaf axils, early spring to summer.
. Pod is small and round, with a winged tip.
. Found in inland areas of western NSW, central and west Queensland, to the Kimberley.
. Regenerates quickly after lopping, drought resistant and suckers readily.
. No field cases of poisoning reported as yet.
. Regarded as one of the best native fodder trees.
. Eaten freely by stock, grazed together with other feed it causes no problems.

Further Reading: