

## *Cassinia spp*

### **Common name:**

Dogwood, Dolly bush, Mountain itch,

### **Palatability to Livestock:**

Most species highly palatable to goats.

### **Toxicity to Goats:**

Not known to be toxic.

### **Toxicity to Other Species:**

Suspected of poisoning stock.

### **Poisonous Principle:**

Unknown.

### **Effects:**

*Signs and symptoms;*

Occasional eye and skin irritations to humans and animals.

*Health and Production Problems;*

Be aware of possible problems.

*Treatment;*

Nil.

### **Integrated Control Strategy:**

- . Slash and burn,
- . Try triclopyr plus picloram or glyphosates,

### **Comments:**

- . Erect shrubs with downy branches.
- . Leaves alternate, with downy undersides.
- . Flowers are white or straw-coloured, forming dense panicles, in summer to autumn.
- . Widespread in eastern NSW and southern Queensland.
- . Found in forests, recently cleared land, roadsides and stock routes.
- . About 17 species found in Australia.



Picture: *Cassinia aculutea*



Picture: [www.csu.edu](http://www.csu.edu)

### **Further Reading:**

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