

## ***Gnaphalium spp***

### **Common name:**

Cudweed,

### **Palatability:**

Seldom eaten.

### **Toxicity to Goats:**

Low risk.

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

Potentially toxic to sheep and cattle.

### **Poisonous Principle:**

Nitrates.

### **Effects:**

#### *Signs and symptoms;*

- . Respiratory distress.
- . Darkening of the gums.

#### *Health and Production Problems;*

- . Seldom eaten, so should not cause problems.
- . Rapid death, or sometimes rapid recovery, if too much nitrate containing fodder is available.

#### *Treatment;*

- . Be aware of potential stock problems.

### **Integrated Control Strategy:**

- . Fertilise and cultivate.
- . Herbicides, Group C.

### **Comments:**

- . An annual, or a short lived perennial.
- . Long grey-green leaves, often with rather serrated edges.
- . Leaves are broad at the tip, tending to taper toward the stem.
- . Flowering stems are much longer than leafy stems.

. Tiny, whitish, flowerheads are set in the leaf axils.

. Not a serious weed, but common in turf, and poor pastures.



Picture: *Gnaphalium spp*  
Helen Simmonds. Calga NSW.

### **Further Reading:**

- . Auld and Medd. Weeds. 1992
- . Lamp and Collett. Field Guide to Weeds in Australia. 1979