*Lythrum hyssopifolia*

**Common name:**
Lesser loostrife,

**Palatability to Livestock:**
Seldom eaten.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Unknown.

**Toxicity to Other Species:**
Sheep.

**Poisonous Principle:**
Unknown.

**Effects:**
*Signs and Symptoms:*
. Symptoms firstly hepatotoxic, then metabolites are nephrotoxic.
. Depression, lethargy, weight loss, weakness.
. Just found dead.

*Health and Production Problems:*
. Be aware of potential livestock problems.

**Treatment:**
Nil.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
. Not known.

**Comments:**
. There are five species in Australia, probably all are native,
. Found in damp sandy soils near streams, in NSW, Victoria, Tasmania, some parts of Queensland, SA. WA,
. A green, succulent, hairless, annual, creeping weed.
. Leaves are mostly alternate, stalkless, and dark green with rounded tips.
. Single small flowers may be red or blue, but mostly pink, and without stalks.
. Fruit is a small oblong capsule with two seeds,
. Usually found near creeks or swamps, but also in pastures.

Picture: *Lythrum hyssopifolia* Wikispecies

Further Reading:

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