

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

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