

Ligustrum sinense

Common name:

Small-leaf privet, Chinese privet,

Palatability to Livestock:

High at all stages.

Toxicity to Goats:

Low risk.

Toxicity to Other Species:

horses.

Poisonous Principle:

Unknown, ligustrin and other gut irritants in leaves and fruits.

Effects:

Signs and symptoms;

- . Gastro-enteritis, and purging.
- . In humans, drowsiness, high temperature, dilated pupils and convulsions.

Health and Production Problems;

- . Death within hours or days is possible.

Treatment;

See Vet or Doctor.

Integrated Control Strategy:

- . Goats will eradicate this spp, if other fodder is also available
- . Declared "Noxious" in ACT, NSW, and Qld,
- . Ringbarking and burning are ineffective,
- . Plants will regenerate by suckering or sprouting,
- . No herbicides are registered as yet.

Comments:

- . Garden plant and escapee.
- . An evergreen shrub or tree, growing up to three metres high.
- . Thin, mid green leaves, on a short stalk.

- . Drooping flowers in profusion, sweetly scented, in white open clusters, flowering in spring.
- . The berry is purple to black,.
- . Found in SE Queensland, and NE NSW,



Picture: *Ligustrum sinense* nsw.gov.au/weeds

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