

## *Ornithogalum thyrosoides*

### **Common name:**

Chincherinchee,

### **Palatability to Livestock:**

Eaten occasionally.

### **Toxicity to Goats:**

Unknown.

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

Domestic pets, sheep, horses.

### **Poisonous Principle:**

- . Colchicine
- . Cardiac glycosides,
- . Saponins,
- . Resins, volatile oils, calcium oxalate crystals.

### **Effects:**

#### *Signs and Symptoms:*

- . Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain,
- . Gastric irritation,
- . Dermatitis after long contact.

#### *Health and Production Problems:*

- . Be aware of potential health problems.

#### *Treatment:*

- . See Vet.

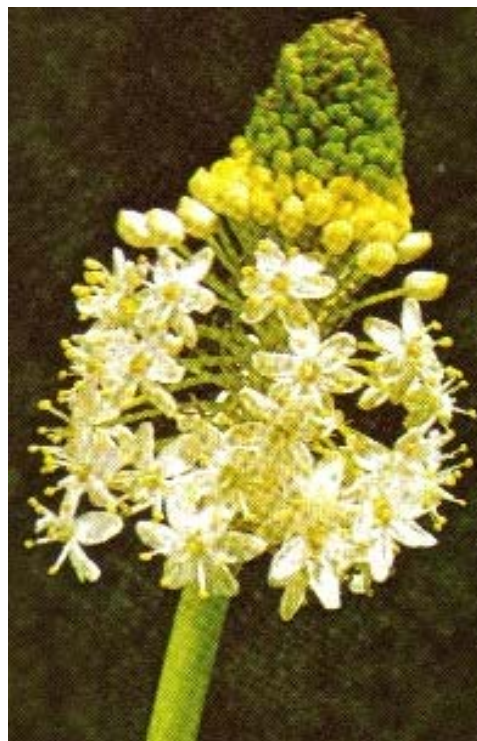
### **Integrated Control Strategy:**

- . Do not allow stock to eat this plant.

### **Comments:**

- . Garden plants,
- . NB daffodil, jonquil, narcissus, muscari, hyacinth, are all toxic.
- . A garden plant in subtropical and temperate regions of Australia.
- . Native of S Africa.
- . Bulbous herb with thick flowering stems.
- . Leaves are strap-like and succulent, and usually wither before flowering takes place.

- . Flowers are white, with a yellow-green blotch at the base, yellow stamens, star shaped with six petals, clustered as a compact pyramid, spring to summer flowering.
- . After flowering. a capsule with 3 chambers, containing numerous small black seeds appears.
- . All parts are toxic esp bulb, also skin a irritant.



Picture: *Ornithogalum thyrosoides*

### **References:**

- . Shepherd. Pretty but Poisonous. 2004