

# WEED INFORMATION SHEET

# GREEN CESTRUM

## Noxious Weed



### GREEN CESTRUM -

*Cestrum parqui*. It was originally introduced from South America for use as a flowering shrub in gardens.

### DESCRIPTION – A perennial shrub 2 - 3 metres tall.

Leaves are alternate, dark green, soft and smooth, and give off an unpleasant odour when crushed. Flowers yellow to green trumpet shape. Berries formed are slightly oval, glossy and turn black when ripe.

**WHY IS IT A WEED. – Green cestrum is considered a major problem because it is extremely TOXIC to animals. Poisoning is most commonly seen in cattle. Death from eating small quantities of leaves, twigs or fruit, and even dry leaves from plants which have been cut down or sprayed, is usually rapid and painful. The plant is also known to be toxic to other livestock and to humans.**

It is commonly found along watercourses and in non-crop areas, where it usually grows in small to medium size thickets.



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