

Poisonous plant



St John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)

St John's wort is one of our worst noxious weeds. It spreads rapidly and out-competes native pastures. It is a threat to all grazing land in the tablelands and slopes.

Hypericum oil in St John's wort causes skin disorders to the unpigmented parts of the body eg faces of sheep and horses, white body markings of horses and cattle etc. Light coloured animals become sensitive to sunlight.



St John's wort affects the central nervous system of animals causing depression and loss of condition, eventually leading to death if continued. St John's wort also causes a contact rash in some humans.

Be very vigilant. This is an evil noxious weed. One plant produces 15,000 seeds. Don't let St John's wort get established on your property!

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