

# Poisonous plant



## Silverleaf nightshade (*Solanum elaeagnifolium*)

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Silverleaf nightshade is a problem in cultivation and grazing paddocks.

It is an extremely tough competitor with roots to a depth of 3 metres. Chemical control generally ineffective because of the elaborate root system.

Ploughing exacerbates the problem because disturbed root parts grow into new plants.



All parts of the plant, particularly the green or ripe fruit, can be toxic to animals. Symptoms include bloating, trembling, loose faeces, nasal discharge, salivation and breathing difficulties. Cattle are more susceptible than sheep. Goats or horses don't seem to be affected.

**Don't let silverleaf nightshade become established on your property!**

Reference "Noxious Weeds of Australia" by Parsons & Cuthbertson. Photos & presentation by Les Tanner, North West Weeds County Council 8/03