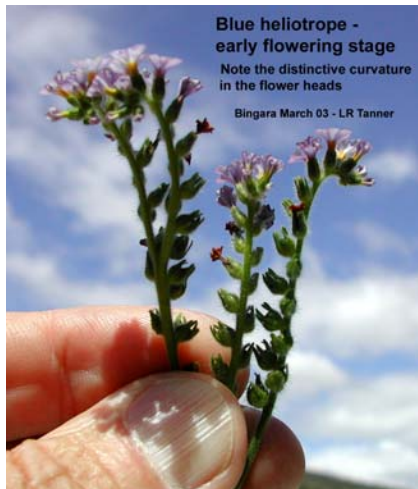


Poisonous plant



Blue heliotrope (*Heliotropium amplexicaule*)

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Blue heliotrope is a hardy, poisonous plant. At times it is readily eaten by cattle, which can lead to acute and chronic liver damage.

Poisoning symptoms include photosensitisation, scouring, abdominal swelling, depraved appetite, staggering gait, circling and death.

Common heliotrope is toxic to sheep, cattle and horses, especially when the animals are subjected to repeated grazing on this and other plants with similar qualities such as Paterson's

curse. As with all problem plants the risk to animals is higher when they are put into a new paddock: stressed and disorientated animals often try plants that they wouldn't normally eat.

Don't let your stock graze on blue heliotrope or common heliotrope for long periods.

