

Poisonous plant



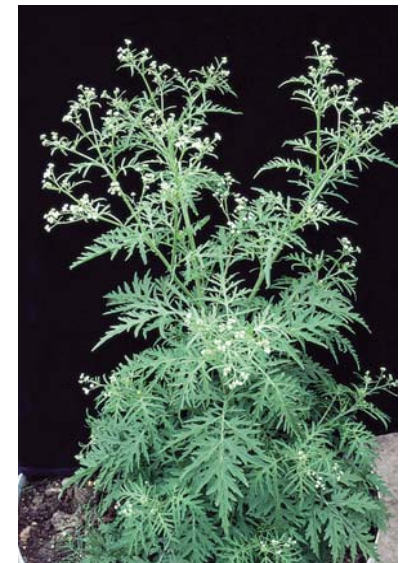
Parthenium weed (*Parthenium hysterophorus*)

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Parthenium weed is a major noxious weed problem in central Queensland

Livestock, particularly sheep, will eat parthenium if they are hungry enough. Meat from such animals becomes badly tainted and unfit for human consumption unless stock are removed from the plant for at least a month. Parthenium weed also taints meat and milk in cattle.



PARTHENIUM WEED IS A SERIOUS THREAT TO HUMAN HEALTH.

It causes asthma and acute forms of dermatitis. Many people who have lived amongst parthenium weed in central Queensland have had to leave the area.

Don't let parthenium weed into New South Wales. Learn to identify the plant and be aware that it may accidentally end up on your property through imports of machinery, stock and fodder from infested areas.

