

# Puncturevine

*Tribulus terrestris*

Zygophyllaceae (Caltrop Family)

Category:

Prohibited Noxious



- **Information:** Introduced from the Mediterranean and Africa, spread in sheep wool.
- **Life Cycle:** Perennial, summer annual in colder climates.
- **Root:** Woody taproot.
- **Leaves:** Opposite, 8-16 leaflets, hairy, pinnately compound, leaflets less than 1cm wide.
- **Stems:** Branched, hairy stems radiate from the crown, prostrate (on the ground) from 10cm to over 1m long.
- **Flower:** Yellow, 5 petals, 4-10mm wide.
- **Seed/Fruits:** Pod, 2-3 sharp spines (10mm long) 4-5 single seeded nutlets, hard.
- **Toxicity:** Poisonous to livestock.
- **Control:** Hand pick, chemical.