

Paterson's Curse

Echium Plantagineum

Paterson's Curse is an erect low growing annual herbaceous plant. It germinates in autumn, forming rosettes. As the plant grows the stems lengthen and branch. In early Spring, small purple flowers develop. It has the ability to become rapidly established and smother germinating pasture as the rosettes spread and thicken.

Paterson's Curse is poisonous to stock, with prolonged grazing leading to liver damage. It is particularly toxic to horses, potentially causing death in as little as a few weeks.

For more information and advice on identification and control contact the Local Land Services, Yass Valley Council Biosecurity Weeds Officer or your local agronomist.

