

Common waterhemp seedheads



Redroot pigweed seedheads

Pigweeds

Amaranthus spp.

toxins	Nephrotoxin, nitrate, soluble oxalates
species	Cattle, pigs, sheep, horses
habitat	Nearly any habitat in the Midwest, especially disturbed areas
symptoms	Perennial edema (kidney damage), drowsiness, weakness, muscular tremors, staggering gate, recumbency, abortion, sudden death.
toxic plant parts	All plant parts are toxic. This plant is moderately palatable especially when vegetative.
poison details	Dose dependent on level of toxic compound, but animals are required to consume substantial amounts of pigweed over several days to display symptoms within 3 to 7 days. See lambsquarter for information on nitrate toxicity.