

Redroot Pigweed, *Amaranthus retroflexus*



Identification: Two- to three-foot annual; lower stems red or red-striped. Leaves are alternate and ovate to lanceolate with long petioles and prominent veins. Small green flowers arranged in tight, spike-like terminal clusters. Flowers with long, spine-tipped bracts. Bright red taproot. Prolific seed production

Habitat: Common in cultivated land, pastures and waste areas

Animals Affected: Cattle and pigs

Toxin family: Nitrate and oxalate accumulator: toxicity (and palatability) increases with drought or spraying

Other: Can cause abortion or death, Hay and silage are toxic

