Cowcockle, *Vaccaria pyramidata*

**Identification:** One to three foot annual with many branching stems. Leaves are opposite, lance shaped and clasp the stem. Flowers occur singly at stem ends and are bright pink.

**Habitat:** Cultivated fields, roadsides, waste areas

**Animals Affected:** Most livestock

**Toxin Family:** Saponin

**Other:** Can cause liver degeneration and death if eaten in large quantities. Seeds are especially poisonous to livestock

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