

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