

False Lupine, *Thermopsis rhombifolia*



Identification: Erect, rhizomatous perennial. Alternate leaves are broadly elliptic and trifoliate (unlike lupine with five or more leaflets). Flowers are yellow and pea-like and grow in dense terminal racemes up to 4" long. Seed pods are densely haired and curved.

Habitat: Roadsides, pastures and rangeland

Animals Affected: Cattle

Toxin Family: Quinolizidine alkaloids causing muscle degeneration.

Other: Animals that have eaten false lupine show a reluctance to move and muscle tremors if forced to move. Not palatable.