

Stinging Nettles, *Urtica dioica*



Identification: Two- to nine foot perennial with coarsely toothed heart- to lance-shaped leaves. Tiny flowers in dense drooping clusters in leaf axils.

Habitat: Meadows, stream-banks, open forest, disturbed areas, barnyards, waste areas, rich soil

Animals Affected: All livestock and humans

Toxin Family: Physical injury, formic acid in stinging barbs

Other: Dermatitis