

## Showy Crotalaria (*Crotalaria spectabilis*)

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Showy Crotalaria was introduced as a nematode-trap crop. Unfortunately, this legume is toxic. It draws consumption from farm animals and then poisons them. There are 12 varieties all with pea-shaped seed pods. It is widely distributed from Florida to Texas. Especially abundant along roadsides, fields, and waste land. All parts of the plant are toxic especially the seeds due to the alkaloid monocrotaline. Chickens, horses, cattle, swine, goats, sheep, mules, and dogs are all affected. It is toxic green and dried in hay. There is no effective treatment.

