

Apple of sodom

Solanum linnaeanum

What does it look like?

Apple of sodom belongs to the nightshade family. Leaves are green on top and furry underneath, wavy and deeply lobed, and up to 9cm long by 7cm wide. Both leaves and branches are covered in spikes. Flowers are mauve with a yellow centre. The fruit are green and white mottled globular tomato-like berries (2.5cm in diameter), which ripen to yellow.

Why is it a problem?

Apple of sodom forms dense thickets in coastal areas, excluding low growing native species. It can also dominate pasture, reducing stock holding capacity. It is poisonous, and avoided by stock.



Control Methods

Contact GW for advice.