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Weed Alert Bladderflower



Bladderflower

(*Araujia sericifera*)

Description

- Twining perennial vine with white 5-lobed bell-shaped flowers and milky sap
- Leaves triangular with rounded tips, oppositely arranged
- Flat green spongy-looking fruit, seeds dark with long silky hairs
- Spread by horticulture
- Native to South America

Bloom Period Aug - Oct

Habitat Riparian, Urban edges

Can be confused with... Manroot or wild cucumber

(*Marah* sp.) which have:

- Tendrils
- Green round fruits with spikes
- Leaves 5-pointed, no milky sap



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Fertile capeweed

(*Arctotheca calendula*)

Description

- Annual or perennial herb; fertile form is most invasive
- Flower petals yellow on top, underneath petals steely blue to black
- Leaf deeply lobed, rosette close to ground, leaf backs white-hairy
- Spread by roads and horticulture
- Native to southern Africa

Bloom Period Mar - Aug

Habitat Grassland, Scrub

Can be confused with... Trailing African daisy or

(*Dimorphotheca fruticosa*) which has:

- Top of petals white, undersides blue-purple or violet
- Leaves not deeply divided and spoon-shaped
- Fruits not hairy
- Stem trailing to ascending, often taller than 1'



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Onionweed

(*Asphodelus fistulosus*)

Description

- Annual herb with hollow leaves, from a bulb
- White 6-petaled flowers have a dark line in the middle of each petal
- Flower buds pinkish before opening, long cluster
- Spread by wind and horticulture
- Native to southern Europe

Bloom Period Mar - July

Habitat Dunes, Grasslands

Can be confused with... Soap-plant

(*Chlorogalum pomeridianum*) which has:

- No dark lines on petals
- Wavy-edged leaves
- Flowers open at dusk

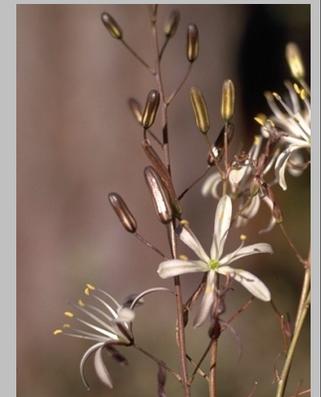


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