

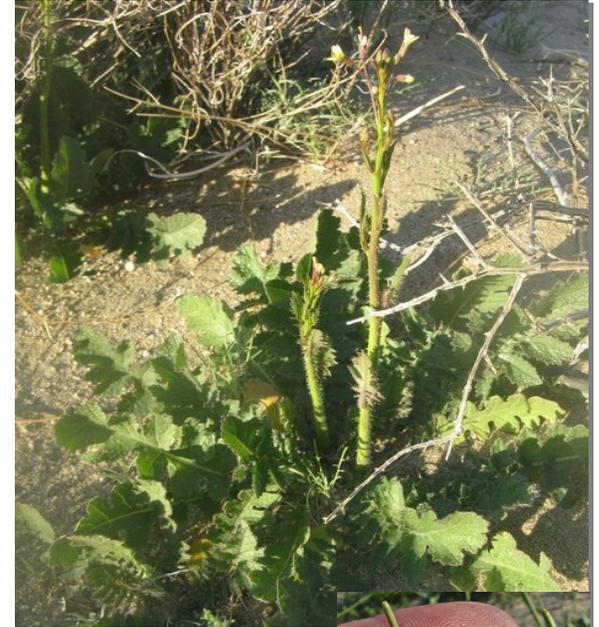
Weed Alert! Devil's thorn



Weed Alert! Stinkwort



Weed Alert! Saharan mustard



Saharan mustard

(*Brassica tournefortii*)

Stinkwort

(*Dittrichia graveolens*)

Devil's thorn

(*Emex spinosa*)

Description

- Yellow-flowered annual herb to 3 ft. tall
- Pods, up to 2 3/4 in. long; narrowed between seeds
- Narrower smooth pointed section at top of pod
- Stiff white hairs perpendicular to stem at base and on leaves
- Few leaves on stems
- Spread by roads and wind
- Native to Mediterranean and Eurasia

Bloom Period Dec-Aug

Habitat Grasslands, Scrub

Can be confused with...

Field mustard (*Brassica nigra*)

which has:

- Darker yellow flowers
- Up to 6.5 ft. tall
- Pods shorter, 1 in. long, not as constricted between seeds



Description

- Annual plant to 3 ft. tall
- Branched from base of plant, "Christmas tree" growth form
- Small, yellow flowers, 1/3 to 2/3 in. across
- Leaves grey-green and with serrated edges, 1-4 in. long
- Leaves partially clasp the stalk
- Sticky and strong smelling
- Spread by roads and construction materials
- Native to western Europe, Mediterranean and southwest Asia



Bloom Period Sep-Dec

Habitat Roadsides, Pastures, Riparian

Can be confused with...

Horseweed (*Erigeron canadensis*)

which has:

- White flowers
- Foliage not sticky or smelly
- Upright vase-like shape,

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Description

- Annual herb with self-fertile flowers produced above and below ground
- Spiky 3-angled fruits held underground near main stem
- Leaves with spinach-like texture, heart or arrow-shaped, up to 5 in. long
- Spread by roads, equipment, wildlife
- Native to Mediterranean



Bloom Period May-Dec

Habitat Dunes, Urban edges

Can be confused with...

Dock species (*Rumex* spp.) which have:

- Flowers above ground only
- Clusters of reddish fruits without spikes
- Sometimes have a wavy leaf edge

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