

Weed Alert! Ward's weed



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(*Carrichtera annua*)

Mature Size Knee



Description

- Up to 1½ ft. annual herb with pale yellow or white flowers with purple veins
- Flowers ¾ in. wide with 4 petals
- Distinctive fruits are < ½ in., droop, are rounded at base with stiff hairs, and are topped with a spoon-shaped projection
- Leaves are alternate and deeply divided into several narrow lobes
- Leaves, stems, and fruits covered with white bristly hairs
- Reproduces by seed
- Spread by wildlife, waterfowl, livestock, roads, trails, hay, forage, equipment
- Native to the Mediterranean region and western Asia



Bloom Period Apr - May

Habitat Grassland, woodland, desert, coastal scrub



2-Minute Removal Pull

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