

# Weed Alert! Devil's thorn



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(*Emex spinosa*)

**Mature Size** Ground



## Description

- Low-growing to partially erect annual herb with self-fertile flowers produced both above and below ground
- Bur-like spiky 3-angled fruits are very hard, light brown, and are pulled underground near main stem as the plant dries up
- Leaves have a spinach-like texture, are heart or arrow-shaped, and up to 5 in. long
- Reproduces by seed
- Spread by roads, equipment, wildlife
- Native to the Mediterranean region



**Bloom Period** May - Dec

**Habitat** Dunes, urban edges



**2-Minute Removal** Pull

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