Weed Alert!
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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 3/4 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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