# Weed Alert! Ward's weed









## Ward's weed

(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 spoonshaped 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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