Weed Alert! Medusahead









Medusahead

(Elymus caput-medusae)

Mature Size Knee

Description

- Up to 2 ft. annual grass
- Seedheads are spike-like with long bristles
- 1-3 in. seed bristles are straight when green and become wavy as they dry
- Short, stiff, straight bristles remain on stems long after seeds fall to the ground
- Yellowish-green dense stands are highly visible after other annual grasses die
- Reproduces by seed
- Spread by wildlife, waterfowl, livestock
- Native to the Mediterranean region

Bloom Period Apr - Jul

Habitat Scrub, chaparral, coastal regions, riparian areas, oak woodland

2-Minute Removal Pull

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