



Yellow Starthistle

A weed you should get to know.

Yellow Starthistle *Centaurea solstitialis*

Why should I get to know this weed?

Weeds, such as yellow starthistle, can degrade the ecological and economic values of the lands we care about by altering native plant communities. When weeds are detected early, they can be more easily removed or contained. Preventing weeds from spreading into new areas is beneficial to all of us!

How can I identify it?

Yellow starthistle has many rigid branches and stems, has few leaves, and is found in rangelands, pastures and along roads in generally arid environments.



one yellow dandelion-like flower head per branch

3/4-inch-long spines below flower head

stems have thin ridges

Where should I report my sightings?

- County Weed District
- Bureau of Land Management
- County Extension Office
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- State Dept. of Agriculture
- National Park Service
- U.S. Forest Service



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