

Invasive Species *Alert*



Common name: **Ward's weed**

Scientific name: *Carrichtera annua* (L.) DC.

Origin:

Mediterranean region and Western Asia (native), invasive in Australia

Identifying Factors:

- Small bristly-haired plant, 2-16 inches high
- Leaves are smaller than 5 inches and deeply divided into multiple, narrow lobes
- Flowers are pale yellow with four petals and purple veins
- Seed pods are 2 to 3 inches long with a beaked shape

Dispersal:

Seeds dispersed via foraging animals and ants over short distances

Long distance dispersal on vehicles, clothing, large animals, and agriculture

Impacts:

Replaces perennial native species in some environments

Looks Like:

Some resemblance to western tansymustard