

Know Your Weeds!!

Yellow Starthistle *Centaura solstitialis*



Characteristics

- ◆ Annual
- ◆ Grows 2-3 ft tall.
- ◆ Blue to Gray-Green foliage.
- ◆ Basal Rosette leaves deeply lobed.
- ◆ Upper leaves linear, tapered at both ends and attach directly to stem appearing winged.
- ◆ Flower bracts have a stiff, sharp 0.75 inch thorn surrounding 0.5 -1.5 in yellow flower head.
- ◆ Each spine has one or more shorter, lateral spines at its base.

Origin

Yellow Starthistle originates from Europe.

Distribution

Yellow Starthistle is found in isolated, small populations and only a few major infestations throughout New Mexico.

* Yellow Starthistle is responsible for chewing disease in horses.

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