

Invasive Non-Native: Ward's weed (Carrichtera annua)

Description: Plant size varies from small to multi-branched 0.5m ht; Stems branched basally and distally; form similar to a small tumbleweed; Basal leaves: petiole 1–4.5 cm; blade 3-6 lobes each side, 1.5-4 cm, terminal lobe linear to oblong, margins entire. Flowers white or creamy yellow petals 6.5-8 x 1-2 mm ; Fruits short reflexed pods.

Ecology: Plant size varies greatly depending on environmental conditions; prefers disturbed areas, but readily invades between and under shrubs; coastal sage, maritime chaparral, grasslands

