



# Carrichtera annua

**Synonyms:** Vella annua

**Common names:** Ward's weed

*Carrichtera annua* (Ward’s weed) is an annual herb (family Brassicaceae ) with white to yellow flowers and hairy lobed leaves found in the south coast ranges of California. It is native to the Mediterranean and southwestern Asia. It favors grasslands and scrub and chaparral habitat. It reproduces by seed only. Seeds are dispersed by foraging animals, vehicles, agricultural activities and humans.



Photo: Wikimedia

**Cal-IPC Rating:** Moderate — Alert ?

**CDFA Rating:** A ?

## Assessment(s)

[Carrichtera annua Plant Assessment Form](#) - Information gathered by Cal-IPC on the impacts, rate of spread, and distribution of invasive plants in California. Does not include management information.

## Species ID Card

[Invasive Species ID Card](#) - To support field identification of early detection species, Cal-IPC has designed a set of Species ID cards that can be downloaded, printed double-sided, and trimmed to size.

## Weed Management Notes

No Weed RIC Management Notes are available for this species. Check for information on other species in the genus on the [Weed RIC site](#).

## Cal-IPC Newsletter Articles

There are no newsletter articles associated with this species yet.

## Cal-IPC Symposium Presentations

Presentations are linked where available. Where a presentation is not available, find more information by reading the abstract in the [Cal-IPC Symposia Archive](#).

- [2019 Weed Alerts](#). Burger, Jutta; Price, Bob (2019)
- [Challenges and success of ten years managing the highly invasive Ward’s weed \(Carrichtera annua\) in Carlsbad, San Diego County](#). Godfrey, Sarah (2019)
- [Weed Alerts 2010](#). DiTomaso, Joseph (2010)

## Other Carrichtera annua Information

[CalPhotos](#) - Images of plants taken mostly in California.

[Calflora](#) - Distribution map and records of this species in California.

[CalWeedMapper](#) - Distribution map of this species in California with ability to determine regional priorities.

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[EDDMapS](#) - Distribution of this species in North America.

[Jepson Interchange](#) - Information on this plant's taxonomy, biology, and distribution from UC Berkeley's Jepson Herbarium.

## Additional photos



*Carrichtera annua* (Ward's weed) flower and leaves. Photo: Chris McDonald



*Carrichtera annua* (Ward's weed) fruits. Photo: Andy Jones







*Carrichtera annua* (Ward's weed) leaves and stems. Photo: Jason Giessow



*Carrichtera annua* (Ward's weed) growth habit. Photo: Jason Giessow

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