

A THREAT SPREADING QUICKLY

This little winter annual (6-24 inches) has only recently been recognized as a prolific invasive weed in the Phoenix Metropolitan area and elsewhere in Arizona.

The weed has spread from several initial infestations in Northwest and North Phoenix into metropolitan Phoenix and is now spreading into Southern Arizona.

Stinknet is a fast moving invasive in Arizona.



WHAT IS IT?

Scientific Name: *Oncosiphon piluliferum*

Common Name: Stinknet

Also called: Globe Chamomile

Family: Asteraceae, Sunflower family

Status: Introduced

Duration: Annual

Size: Up to 2 feet or more

Growth Form: Forb/herb

Leaves: Twice finely dissected

Flowers: Round yellow or gold

Origin: South Africa



HOW TO SPOT IT?

It is easily recognized by its dark green "carrot like" leaves and unique rounded flowers. The leaves have a pungent odor! Stinknet can be highly allergenic, both dermal and respiratory.

HABITAT AND GROWTH

Stinknet emergence is staggered from November to March, making control very challenging. It starts to flower in February and begins seed ripening by mid March. The seeds are very light and easily spread by wind and traffic.

STINKNET WINTER GROWTH PATTERNS



Stinknet readily infests sunny, disturbed soils. Left to propagate over many years, Stinknet crowds out native plants and grows in dense mats that are **highly flammable** when dry.

CONTROL

To manage the spread of this weed, control must take place before plants go to seed. If infestations are allowed to propagate over the course of several seasons, they will form dense stands with prolific seed production.

In residential areas Stinknet can be manually dug out as soon as it is recognized. It is important to remove the plants before they develop mature seeds.

On public lands and right-of-ways, Stinknet can be controlled by commercial applicator with Simazine (pre-emerge) and Trichlopyr4 (post-emerge) at labeled rates. Glyphosate with MSO surfactant can be effectively applied to emerged plants.



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*A pretty flower but
an invasive weed in our midst.*