

# NOXIOUS WEED ALERT: STINKNET



Stinknet leaves have a pungent smell.



Stinknet blossoms are round and bright yellow.

## There is nothing nice about this plant except its flowers!

- **If it appears on your property dig it out immediately**, because once an infestation is established you'll need to use herbicides.
- Stinknet (*Onchosiphon piluliferum*) is a highly noxious winter weed now exploding in Phoenix and already invading many parts of Tucson. It quickly overtakes native wildflowers in landscapes and scenic roadways. It causes severe skin rashes and at flowering it can cause serious breathing difficulties. The dry plants burn like gasoline and the smoke is caustic.
- Stinknet is distinguished from other bright yellow spring flowers by the fully round blossoms perched on a narrow stem, and its odor.
- More information can be found at [www.swvma.org](http://www.swvma.org) or by contacting [swvma.stinknet@gmail.com](mailto:swvma.stinknet@gmail.com). You can visit [facebook.com/Stinknet-Arizona](https://facebook.com/Stinknet-Arizona)



# STINKNET

**PREVENT THE SPREAD**  
**REPORT IT OR PULL IT!**



illustrations  
not to scale

## IDENTIFICATION

- Spherical yellow to gold flowers without petals
- Dark green carrot like leaves with pungent stinging odor
- Dried plant has bronze leaves with rusty tan flowers
- Grows November to May
- Flowering starts in February
- Ranges from 2 in - 2 ft tall
- Flowers range in size from about .5 - 1 cm (pencil eraser)

## TREATMENT

- Pull or dig plants to remove
- Discard flowering plants in an enclosed bag to prevent tiny seeds from spreading
- Gloves and facemask recommended
- Hire a professional certified applicator to treat established infestation with herbicide

## DANGERS & THREATS

- Outcompetes native plants
- **HIGHLY FLAMMABLE** when dry
- Can cause headaches, rashes, and difficulty breathing

**REPORT INFESTATIONS AT [STINKNET.ORG](http://STINKNET.ORG)**

# LOOKALIKES

## STINKNET



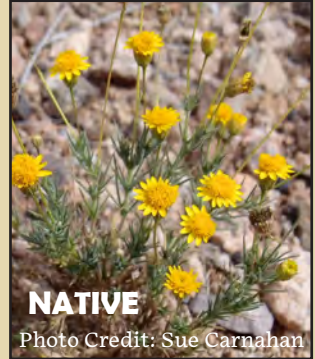
- stinks
- spherical flowers without petals

## PINEAPPLE WEED



- pineapple scented
- pointed cone-shaped greenish flowers

## DOGWEED



- pleasant mild scent
- golden yellow flowers with daisy like petals



Large infestations are extremely difficult to eliminate. Reporting and removing early is essential.



After the growing season the plant dries, fueling fires and suppressing native wildflower blooms.

**HELP US PREVENT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS PLANT IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA!**

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