

# YELLOW STARHISTLE

*(Centaurea solstitialis)*

**GROWTH HABIT:** Rigid branching annual, 2 to 3 feet tall.

**LEAVES:** Basal leaves are deeply lobed while upper leaves are entire and sharply pointed.

**STEMS:** Winged stems covered with a cottony hair.

**FLOWER:** Yellow, located singly on ends of branches, and armed with sharp straw-colored thorns up to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch long.

**SEEDS:** Fruits from ray flowers are dark colored without bristles, while fruits from disk flowers are lighter and have a tuft of white bristles.

**OTHER:** Introduced from Europe, usually appears on roadsides and waste areas; can result in "chewing disease" in horses.

