

Woollyleaf bur ragweed

Ambrosia grayi

Description

Native to the Great Plains States of Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Habit

Perennial that reproduces by underground root-stocks and seeds and can reach a height of 3.9-11.8 inches. Roots can reach a depth of 15 feet.

Leaves

Alternate or opposite, broadly ovate, pinnately 3-5 parted or entire, long petioled, dusty white or green in color, 0.39-1.8 inches long.

Stems

Erect, growing 1-2 feet tall, branching from the base and covered with fine, woolly hairs.

Flowers

Male flowers are in small drooping heads at the top of plant while female flowers are in the axil of





the leaves, usually one per leaf. Composite heads in short racemes.

Fruits and Seeds

3-7 mm long with hooked spines or curved at the tip.

Habitat

Native to northern Mexico. Can be found in roadsides, ditches, fields and wet areas.

Reproduction

By seed or underground root-stock.

Similar

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Prevent spread by cleaning harvesting and tillage equipment before leaving infested areas. Can be controlled using general use herbicides such as 2,4-D LVE, Dicamba, Glyphosate, Picloram and Imazapic.

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