



INVASIVE PLANT

Sticky Groundsel



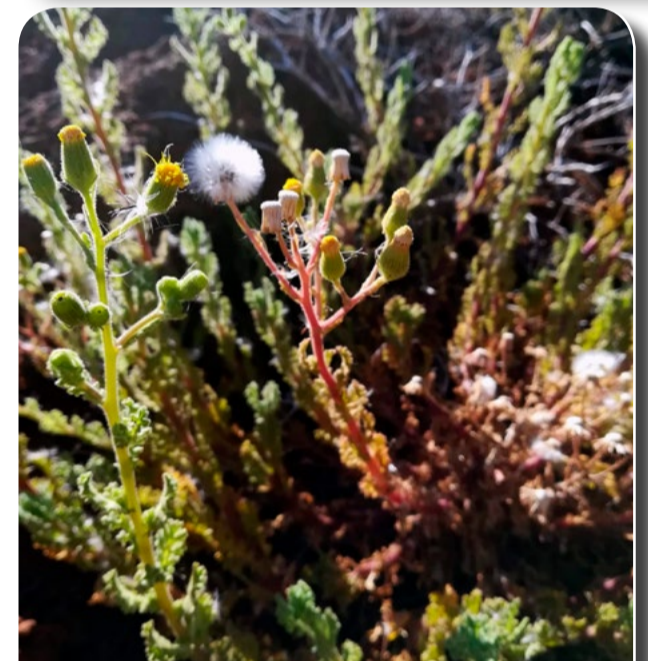
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Young plant. Silvia Naches García (©FCRMBLP)



Adult plant, before blooming.
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Adult plant, with seed bristles ready to fly.
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Detected just recently at the Observatory(1), it has expanded vigorously from MAGIC / LST, helped by the wind and the air drag from passing vehicles.

[1] A. Santos, personal commentary

Identification

- Sticky when touched.
- Leaves covered in tiny white hairs.
- Unpleasant yet subtle smell.
- Likelier on roadsides and rocky removed areas.

What should I do



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1. If the plant has bloomed and/or seeded (forming a pappus or bristle ball):

1.1. Wrap the plant from the top in a plastic bag and use it to pull and uproot the groundsel. Please also make sure to pick any stray bristles.

1.2. Tie the bag with a knot and, if possible, cover it with some other waste before disposing of it in the non-organic container.

2. If the plant is young and has not bloomed, uproot it and leave it on the ground.

If the plant was found away from MAGIC / LST, please report its location to La Palma Biosphere Reserve (invasive plants LIFE project).

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