

The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

Identifying Invasive Weeds

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The Good...

- Native shrubs do not need supplemental water to survive and they provide a healthy ground cover which limits the ability for invasive weeds to propagate.



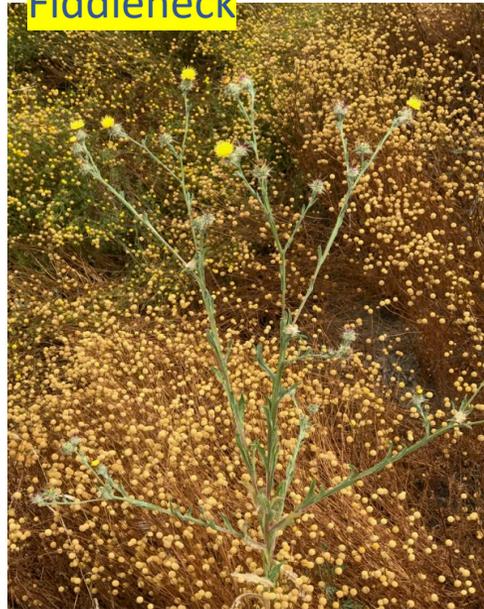
The Bad...

- Invasive species of weeds thrive in areas where there is no competition from native shrubs. Weeds present an increased fire risk and should be removed before the warm weather months begin.

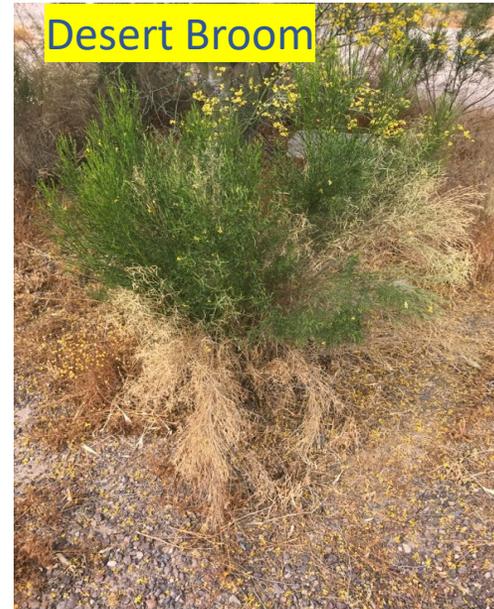
Malta Starthistle



Fiddleneck



Desert Broom



The Ugly...

- The recent spread of Chinese (Globe) Chamomile is breaking common rules related to invasive weeds. Generally weeds thrive in disturbed/graded areas; however, the chamomile infiltrates undisturbed desert as well. Pre-emergent sprays such as Round Up do not have optimal results once the chamomile is established.
- Manual removal of the chamomile prior to warmer weather (90-degree days) is the best way to eradicate them – before they go to seed.
- Applying a pre-emergent to susceptible areas during winter months is recommended.

