

## Stinkwort or Stinking Fleabane *Dittrichia graveolens*

NOW is the time to pull this obnoxious weed – before it blooms



Infestation along a roadside



Classic Christmas Tree shape



Flowers and seed heads

### What is it?

- Fall (Sept) flowering member of the Aster family. It is an annual, native to Europe.
- Foliage has sticky hairs covered in a strong and rank smelling resin, often leading to headache. Contact can cause a rash in many people
- Flammable and unpalatable to livestock
- Can affect the taste of nearby fruits and vegetables (grapes...)
- Found in disturbed areas along roads, construction sites, neglected property
- Seeds are tiny and are spread by construction equipment, soles of shoes and wind.
- One plant can infest both your yard as well as your neighbor's yard – be a good neighbor

Hand pull, but you don't need to get the roots, just get as much as you can

- If you get them BEFORE flowers form they can be composted
- If flowers have formed, bag and dispose of in trash (they go to seed almost overnight)

**Wear gloves, long pants and long sleeves to protect your skin.**

If you can't get to it soon, please ask your gardener to focus on this next time they visit