

# Mexican poppy

## *Argemone ochroleuca*

Mexican poppy is declared a Class A (to be eradicated) and Class C (not to be introduced) weed in the Northern Territory.

Mexican poppy is a declared weed in accordance with the *Weeds Management Act*.

### HABIT



Robust, erect annual herb grows to 1m tall.

Found in seasonal creeks, streambeds, drainage lines and disturbed areas.

### STEMS & BRANCHES



Stems release a yellow sap when cut and are covered with stiff yellow prickles.

### LEAVES



Leaves are a distinctive pale blue-green colour.

All parts of the plant are toxic to humans and animals.

### FLOWERS



Single flowers at the end of branchlets with 4 - 6 cream-pale yellow coloured petals about 6cm across.

### REPRODUCTION



Fruit are shiny blue-green capsules, covered in rigid spines, opening at the top to expose seeds. Each capsule contains up to 400 seeds. Seeds are brown or black, globular in shape and 1.5mm in diameter.

Weed Management Officers from the Weed Management Branch can provide advice on all aspects of weed management including control techniques, biological control, legislative responsibilities, policy advice, monitoring and reporting and regional planning. For further information on weed management planning, integrated control, herbicide application techniques and monitoring please refer to the [NT Weed Management Handbook](#).