

*Solanum rostratum*  
**Buffalobur**

Solanaceae, the nightshade family  
Category: CONTROL



### Diagnostic Characteristics

- Erect annual; can grow up to 2 feet tall
- Drought tolerant; will grow in wide variety of ecological conditions
- Green foliage is covered with straight yellow spines
- Leaves are deeply lobed nearly to midvein and covered with short star-like hairs
- Flowers are 1 inch wide, five-petaled, and bright yellow in color
- Fruit is a dry berry that is completely enclosed in a spiny bur-like calyx
- Seeds are crumpled, flat, and black

### Background

- Native to the Great Plains region of the U.S.
- Inhabits disturbed areas, rights-of-way, pastures, meadows, cultivated fields, dry rangelands, lawns, and non-crop areas
- Reproduces by seed
- Common contaminant of bird seed and is often found growing near bird feeders.

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