Yellow Starthistle (Centaurea solstitalis)



Yellow starthistle is an annual herb from the daisy family originating from southern Europe. Because it has no native biocontrol agents, it has become an aggressive invader in many other parts of the world. It tends to invade rangelands and poses a risk to horses where prolonged grazing by horses can result in a fatal nervous disorder. It can form dense stands that compete with native grass species and can also impede recreational access to these same areas. It has not yet invaded BC.