

COMMON NAME:
PRICKLY WILD LETTUCE

SCIENTIFIC NAME:
LACTUCA SERRIOLA

ALSO CALLED: WILD LETTUCE, HORSE THISTLE, MILK THISTLE, AND COMPASS PLANT

FLOWER COLOR: YELLOW
FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: ON LONG STEMS WITH DANDELION-LIKE FLOWERS
FLOWERING TIME: MAY TO NOVEMBER
LEAVES: DEEPLY LOBED WITH POINTED EDGES
NORMAL SIZE: 24" TO 36"
EDIBLE: YES IF GATHERED EARLY BEFORE IT TURNS BITTER
NORMAL ELEVATION: ALL ELEVATIONS
HABITATION: DISTURBED AREAS AND CLEARED AREAS AROUND CITIES
ABUNDANCE: COMMON ESPECIALLY IN YARDS

NOTABLE DETAILS: HERBACEOUS TALL PLANT WITH SEVERAL BRANCHES AND LEAVES RESEMBLING DANDELIONS

SPECIAL INTEREST: OFTEN EATEN AND REFERRED TO AS GREENS