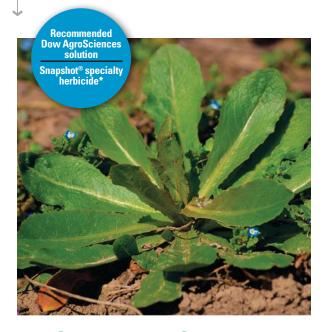
# WEEDWATCH

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# **PRICKLY LETTUCE**

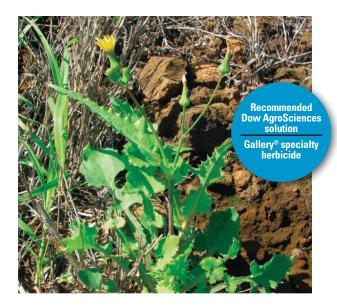
Lactuca serriola

### **IDENTIFICATION TIPS**

- This winter annual's leaves form in a basal rosette.
- It produces an upright step with alternating, deeply lobed leaves, which feature a row of spines along the mid-vein of the lower surface.
- Its deep tap root will secrete a milky sap.
- > Small, yellow flowers appear in late spring to early summer.

### **CONTROL TIPS**

- > Prickly lettuce is a weed commonly found in container plantings and nurseries. For optimum weed control and plant safety on a broad range of ornamentals, apply a pre-emergent herbicide that contains isoxaben.
- > Till the area prior to planting, or pull any existing seedlings prior to pre-emergent herbicide application.
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## **ANNUAL SOWTHISTLE**

Sonchus oleraceus

#### **IDENTIFICATION TIPS**

- > This annual's bluish/ green leaves form a rosette, deeply lobed with prickly spines on the margin.
- > Yellow flowers, similar to dandelion, appear in mid- to late summer but they form on a branched stalk vs. a hollow, solitary stem.
- > Has a tap root, and all plant parts exude a milky sap when broken.
- It's often confused with prickly lettuce, but does not have spines along the mid-vein.

#### **CONTROL TIPS**

- > For optimum control, apply a pre-emergent herbicide, such as isoxaben, that is labeled for control of annual sowthistle.
- > Pre-emergence herbicides must be applied before weeds germinate. Any existing annual sowthistle must be physically or chemically removed prior to pre-emergent herbicide application.
- > Tilling of a landscape bed prior to planting and herbicide application will improve control of annual sowthistle.

For more information regarding these and other turf weeds — and related control technologies and tips — please visit www.DowProvesIt.com or call 800/255-3726.

