

Burweed Marsh Elder / Giant Poverty Weed

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| Genus/species | <i>Iva xanthifolia</i> | |
| Family | Asteraceae | |
| Distribution | Central, W and NE US | E Washington southward to NE California NE California southeastward to N Texas N Texas northeastward to central Illinois Central Illinois northwestward to E Washington New Jersey to Maine |

Comments This species is a common plant along roadsides, cultivated fields or along streams in much of the central part of the US. It may grow to be 6 feet tall. The specific name refers to the shape of the larger leaves, which are rather triangular or fan-shaped, resembling those of the Cocklebur. The undersides of the leaves are lighter in color than the upper surfaces. Young plants of Burweed Marsh Elder may resemble sunflower plants at a similar stage of development (and often grow in similar habitats), but the rather inconspicuous greenish flowers of the mature Marsh Elder depend upon wind-pollination.

