

Alien Watch

Mexican Poppy

Argemone ochroleuca



Highly invasive toxic weed, producing large numbers of seeds. Commonly found in dry river beds and disturbed areas.

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- Grey green annual or perennial up to 1 m high.
- Stems with spines, with orange sap when broken.
- Leaves blue-green with toothed margins.
- Flowers cream coloured to yellow.
- Fruit a capsule covered in spines.
- Seeds black, numerous.
- **Highly invasive alien, producing large numbers of seed.**
- **Common in riverbeds and disturbed areas especially road verges and fallow fields.**
- **Plant highly unpalatable and toxic to animals and humans.**
- **Plants should be pulled out preferably before fruit are formed.**



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