



## *Xanthium spinosum*

### **Common Name(s):**

Bathurst bur

### **Current Threat Status (2009):**

Exotic

### **Features:**

An erect, spined plant, annual, growing up to a metre. Spines on the stem are straight but those on the fruit are hooked, enabling seed dispersal in animal fur, wool etc. Leaf underside covered with dense grey-white tomentum. Can be distinguished from *X. stromarium* by the axillary spines and the short-beaked fruiting involucre.

### **Flowering:**

December, January, February, March,  
April

### **Fruiting:**

Dec-  
July

### **For more information, visit:**

[http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\\_details.asp?ID=2651](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=2651)



**Caption:** *Xanthium spinosum*

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