



## YELLOW STAR THISTLE

### What To Do If You See Yellow Star Thistle

- Notify your installation's natural resources manager.
- Clean equipment, boots and vehicles when leaving an infested area.
- Dig out plant, roots and all, and put them in the trash. Do not dispose with yard waste or take to forest-products companies.
- If mowing, first carefully clip off seed heads and put in trash.
- After weed is removed, replant area with native grasses.
- Take caution! – Spines are very sharp and will cause injury.

For more information, please visit:

[www.afpmb.org](http://www.afpmb.org) or

<https://www.dodlegacy.org>



# Keep America Free of Yellow Star Thistle

Yellow star thistle overtakes native plants by soaking up an excess of water and releasing a mild toxin into the soil. It takes over native grasses, forcing out wildlife. Yellow star thistle clogs vehicle air filters, causes injury to soldiers and are highly flammable, thereby preventing the use of smoke grenades and trace rounds during training.

## **Yellow Star Thistle is characterized by:**

- Yellow-flowered heads with 1/2-1 inch spines.
- 3-6 feet tall.
- A winter annual plant that infests grasslands and rangelands.

