*Mexican Poppy: Argemone mexicana/ochroleuca

Origin:

Native to Mexico.

Form:

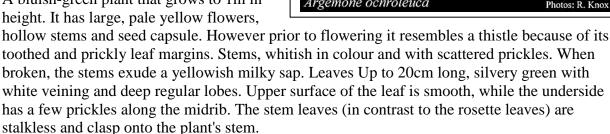
A robust, erect, branched, prickly, annual plant.

Habitat:

Widely distributed in the pastoral areas, mainly along river systems, moist flats and sand dunes.

Description:

A bluish-green plant that grows to 1m in height. It has large, pale yellow flowers,





Flowers/Seed:

Flowers: 6cm across; 4 light yellow/cream petals; ovary in centre of flower and topped with a dark red 3 or 6 lobed stigma. Seed: Capsule oblong, prickly; to 3.5cm long, 3 openings at top; up to 400 seeds, oval shaped, blackish brown, to 1.5mm long with pitted coat and ridge along one side.

A. mexicana differs from A. ochroleuca in that it has bright yellow flowers (right).

Dispersal:

Seed dispersed close to parent plant often by wind and water.

District Location of Known Infestations and/or Additional Notes: Not found within the district but has been identified in the Gascoyne District.

