

Mares Tail

Description:

Mare's tail is a summer annual or biennial that can be found throughout the county. If undisturbed, the plant grows erect, branching only near the top. Mature plants can reach up to 10 feet tall. Shorter, mowed plants may look similar to hairy fleabane, but mares tail has dark green leaves while hairy fleabane has gray green leaves. Seed leaves are oval with fine hairs. Leaves of young plants grow as a rosette around a crown. Later plants grow erect and leaves are alternate, dark green and crowded on stems. Small, yellowish flower heads are borne at the end of branched stems. It competes severely for water and grows rapidly.

