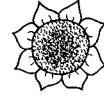


Blow Wives

Achyrachaena mollis

Sunflower Family, *Asteraceae*



This little native sunflower of grasslands and foothill woodlands has an almost unnoticeable yellow to red bloom in spring. Ray and disk flowers are barely above the erect green bracts of the head. The flower heads are yellow and honeycomb like. When in seed, pappus form a shiny white round head. As the name suggests, seed dispersal is achieved by the blowing wind. The leaf is simple, entire.



Blow Wives seedhead

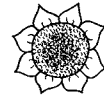
Apr–May • Ma, So, Na, Me
2.55–40 cm, 1–15 in



Nodding Harmonia

Harmonia nutans

Sunflower Family, *Asteraceae*



The elusive little rare, yellow Nodding Harmonia is an annual herb that appears in rocky soils, openings in chaparral or woodlands, and volcanic substrates. It is very similar to Goldfields which grows in

masses in the same environment. Look for the notched petals to draw your attention to its identity.

Also known as *Madia nutans*.

Its seeds may have been used in pinole mixes of coastal California Indians.

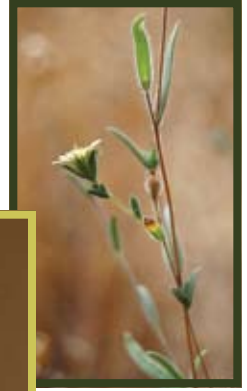
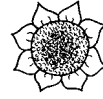
Apr–June • So, Na
5–25 cm, 2–10 in



Nodding Harmonia

Common Hareleaf

Lagophylla ramosissima
Sunflower Family, *Asteraceae*



This slender, branched annual herb may grow to 120 cm, 4 ft, tall with gray green, linear leaves covered in fine hairs. The small yellow rayed flower heads open in late afternoon and close the following midmorning. Found in dry open areas in the coastal hills.

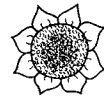


May–Oct ● Ma, So, Na, Me
15–120 cm, 6–48 in

Common Hareleaf

Hayfield Tarweed

Hemizonia congesta
Sunflower Family, *Asteraceae*



If ever an aroma matched a common name, then this annual herb of coastal grasslands and fallow fields is a prime example. When the linear to narrowly elliptical leaves of this native are crushed underfoot or between one's fingers, a pleasant, distinctive odor of tar is produced. The little yellow or white, 5-13 rayed petals appear in early summer through October.

June–Oct ●
Ma, So, Na, Me
10–80 cm, 4–32 in



Hayfield Tarweed