

**Plant:** Bur buttercup (*Ceratocephala testiculatus*) (*Ranunculus* spp.)  
This is **NOT** an Idaho State listed noxious weed.

**Identification:** This is a low growing annual that emerges very early in the spring, as soon as the ground is 40 degrees. **It is often misidentified as Puncturevine.** It is a very short growing plant, usually 1 to 4 inches, which has a yellow flower and succulent looking deeply lobed leaves. When the plant dries up in early spring it develops short 'spines' that aggravates bare feet and animal's paws. It shows up in those areas of bare-ground near driveways, minimally disturbed roadsides, and wastelands.

**Defense:** Because this plant is a very short lived annual plant, mechanical control can be very effective. If you see the small light-green colored plants growing now or in the early spring, you can simply rake them out of the ground. Their roots only extend into the soil a few inches. Cultivation such as hoeing, pulling, digging works if it can be done before seed production. There are certain herbicides such as Glyphosate(Round-up), Dicamba (Vanquish), or Escort, that can be effective in controlling this weed. Replanting grass or other desirable vegetation after removing this weed will help out compete the plants for long term control.

**Always read and understand the pesticide label and restrictions on any pesticide you are using.  
The label is the law.**

