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*A Federal/State-Listed
Endangered Species*

HOW TO REPORT ANY IMPACTS ON ASHY DOGWEED OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Initial notification should be made to:
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Law Enforcement Office in McAllen
956-686-8591

Ecological Services Office
Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge
956-784-7560

Please also contact:
Texas Department of Transportation
Pharr District Environmental Section
956-702-6130
956-702-6243

WHAT IS ASHY DOGWEED?

This plant (*Thymophylla tephroleuca*) belongs to the sunflower family and is on both the federal and state endangered species lists.

Range

It is endemic to south Texas occurring in Starr, Zapata and Webb counties.

Habitat

This species is found in grasslands with scattered shrubs such as mesquite, Texas lantana, calderona, cenizo, palo verde, tailed rushpea, goat bush and Buckley's yucca.

Distinguishing Characteristics

- › A gray hairy perennial up to 12 inches tall
- › Upper stems are white-wooly
- › Leaves are alternate and usually linear
- › Ray flowers and disk flowers are yellow



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Flowering

Depending to some extent on rainfall, this species flowers in March–May.



Close up view of an Ashy Dogweed plant in bloom.



Geology at Known Sites

Most known sites have been found on sands or sandy loams on level or very gently rolling topography over Eocene strata of the Laredo Formation (USFWS 1987c).

Ashy Dogweed is found in the following soils:

- › Copita
- › McAllen
- › Comitas
- › Nueces
- › Delmita
- › Hebbroni

Species Protection

Known populations of endangered plants within the TxDOT ROW are protected prior to construction with orange safety fencing.