



## Sonchus asper

### Moist sowthistle

#### General

1. Annual or biennial herb, noxious weed, found in primary dunes (foredunes), salt spray plant, grows to 200cm

#### Geography

1. Native: Europe, Asia, northern Africa
2. Habitats:
  - Ruderal/disturbed areas
  - Tolerant of a variety of soil types: white to grey sand, brown clayey loam, black sandy loam, black clayey peat, saline soils
  - Dunes, valleys, seasonally wet areas, watercourses, lakes wetlands, pastures, hay fields, orchards, roadsides and other disturbed sites

#### Invasion pathways

1. Transportation of habitat material

#### Sources

1. <http://www.invasivespecies.net/database/species/ecology.asp?si=1450&fr=1&sts=sss&lang=EN>
2. [http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/dpi/vro/vrosite.nsf/pages/sip\\_salt\\_rough\\_sow\\_thistle](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/dpi/vro/vrosite.nsf/pages/sip_salt_rough_sow_thistle)



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