HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?
It is an Emergent Invasive in Orange County

EGYPTIAN KNAPWEED
aka Moroccan or Mediterranean Desert Knapweed

_Volutaria tubuliflora_

**Known OC Sites & Status Updates**

Distribution map & info:
- [calflora.org/cgi-bin/species_query.cgi?where-calrecnum=13055](http://calflora.org/cgi-bin/species_query.cgi?where-calrecnum=13055)

Can be confused with _Volutaria canariensis_,
Canary Island Knapweed

Egyptian knapweed is an erect, openly branched, robust annual that grows from a soon-deciduous basal rosette. It grows best in disturbed ground & seasonally flooded sites, where it can grow to 3+ ft. high & wide. It forms a stout deep taproot & many fine, water-absorbing, surface roots.

It has become widespread in the Anza-Borrego area, & has recently been added to California’s Noxious Weed List.
Each plant produces roughly 2500 seeds. Seed are minute, barrel-shaped, with a crown of fine hairs that acts as a parachute for wind dispersal--allowing the plants to spread at a very high rate.