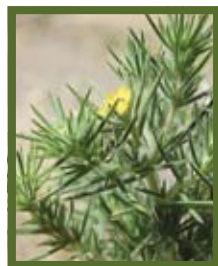
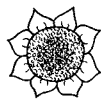


Fitch's Spikeweed

Centromadia fitchii

Sunflower Family, *Asteraceae*



The stiff, spiny tips of this native tarweed may prick you when encountered. Perhaps Reverend Fitch (1794-1874) may have been hiking on the open coastal slopes and before smelling the strong, pungent odor of this little yellow rayed flower, may have felt its presence. Each flower head of this annual herb has 10-20 light yellow ray flowers.

Formerly named *Hemizonia fitchii*.

May–Nov • Ma, So, Na, Me
10–50 cm, 4–20 in



Fitch's Spikeweed

Common Madia

Madia elegans

Sunflower Family, *Asteraceae*



In grassland and open forest this strongly scented native Common Madia may be found. Like its other *Madia* relatives the flowers have yellow disk like blooms. Often you may find a maroon blotch at the base of the deeply lobed rays. There are soft hairy to bristly, linear to lance shaped leaves with a strong resinous odor.

With fifteen species or subspecies of *Madia* in our four counties, they can sometimes be quite challenging to properly identify.

The seeds, or fruits, are nutritious and were used by California Indians in preparing pinole.

May–Sep •
Ma, So, Na, Me
15–75 cm,
6–30 in



Common Madia