

This does not constitute a formal recommendation. When using herbicides always read the label, and when in doubt consult your farm advisor or county agent.

This is an excerpt from the book *Weed Control in Natural Areas in the Western United States* and is available wholesale through the UC Weed Research & Information Center ([wric.ucdavis.edu](http://wric.ucdavis.edu)) or retail through the Western Society of Weed Science ([wsweedscience.org](http://wsweedscience.org)) or the California Invasive Species Council ([cal-ipc.org](http://cal-ipc.org)).

*Ranunculus testiculatus* (= *Ceratocephala testiculata*)

## Bur buttercup

**Family:** Ranunculaceae (buttercup)

### NON-CHEMICAL CONTROL

<i>Cultural:</i> grazing	<b>P</b>	toxic to animals
<i>Cultural:</i> prescribed burning	NIA	
<i>Mechanical:</i> mowing and cutting	<b>G</b>	early maturing so must be cut early with very low cutting height
<i>Mechanical:</i> tillage	<b>E</b>	must be done early before seed production
<i>Mechanical:</i> grubbing, digging or hand pulling	<b>E</b>	

### CHEMICAL CONTROL

The following specific use information is based on published papers and reports by researchers and land managers. Other trade names may be available, and other compounds also are labeled for this weed. Directions for use may vary between brands; see label before use.

2,4-D	<b>G</b>
Aminocyclopyrachlor + chlorsulfuron	<b>E*</b>
Aminopyralid	<b>G</b>
Chlorsulfuron	<b>E</b>
Clopyralid	NIA
Dicamba	<b>E</b>
Glyphosate	<b>E</b>
Hexazinone	<b>E</b>

Imazapic	<b>E</b>
Imazapyr	NIA
Metsulfuron	<b>E</b>
Paraquat	NIA
Picloram	<b>E</b>
Rimsulfuron	NIA
Sulfometuron	<b>E</b>
Sulfosulfuron	NIA
Triclopyr	<b>E</b>

**E** = Excellent control, generally better than 95%

**G** = Good control, 80-95%

**F** = Fair control, 50-80%

**P** = Poor control, below 50%

Control includes effects within the season of treatment.

Control is followed by best timing, if known, when efficacy is **E** or **G**.

**\*** = Likely based on results of observations of related species

FLW = flowering

NIA = No information available

Fa = Fall

Sp = Spring

Su = Summer

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