

## THE WYOMING GROUND SQUIRREL



The Wyoming ground squirrel is a medium-sized ground squirrel without spots, stripes, or splotches. Ground squirrels are approximately half the size of a prairie dog and live at higher elevations than black-tailed prairie dogs. Ground squirrels have underground burrows without the larger above ground mounds that prairie dogs have. Treatment options for ground squirrels include the use of fumigants and baiting with anticoagulants or zinc phosphide. Poison bait is usually the most cost-effective method for controlling ground squirrels, especially when numbers are high. These are restricted-use pesticides that require a private applicator license from the Wyoming Department of Agriculture.



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## SUMMER 2024 MOSQUITO TESTING RESULTS:

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- 7/11/2024 - POSITIVE POOL TESTED NEAR DILLMAN ESTATES
- 7/18/2024 - POSITIVE POOL TESTED AT HAWK SPRINGS PARK
- 8/15/2024 - POSITIVE POOL TESTED AT NORTH CANAL (NORTH OF ROCK SHOP)

## CURLYCUP GUMWEED

Curlycup gumweed is a biennial or short-lived perennial plant that has a yellow flower with the base being shiny and sticky. This sticky plant is spotted this time of year along roadsides, disturbed areas such as wash-outs and previous construction zones. This year you might notice it is more abundant than normal, this is because curlycup gumweed increases under drought conditions. Curlycup gumweed is unpalatable to cattle, sheep, and horses. The plant contains tannins, volatile oils, resins, bitter alkaloids, and glucosides which give it an unpleasant taste. If curlycup gumweed is consumed, it may lead to poisoning due to the selenium the plant can accumulate. The plant is a eye sore and can become a nuisance for landowners.

### Controlling Curlycup

- Broadleaf herbicides like 2,4-D, dicamba, or metsulfuron can be applied in the early season to control curlycup gumweed.
- Pre-emergence herbicides can also be used to manage existing seed banks.
- Glyphosate is generally not effective on curlycup gumweed.
- It is recommended to spray curlycup gumweed with 2,4-D/dicamba before the plant flowers.
- Using a pre-emergent herbicide in the early spring in places that have previously had gumweed infestations is an excellent control method.



**Gumweed rosette -  
a good time to spray  
2,4-D/Dicamba  
herbicide mixture**

### STAY IN THE KNOW

- Sept. 2 - Labor Day Office Closed
- Sept 12- GCWP Board Meeting @ 10:30am

