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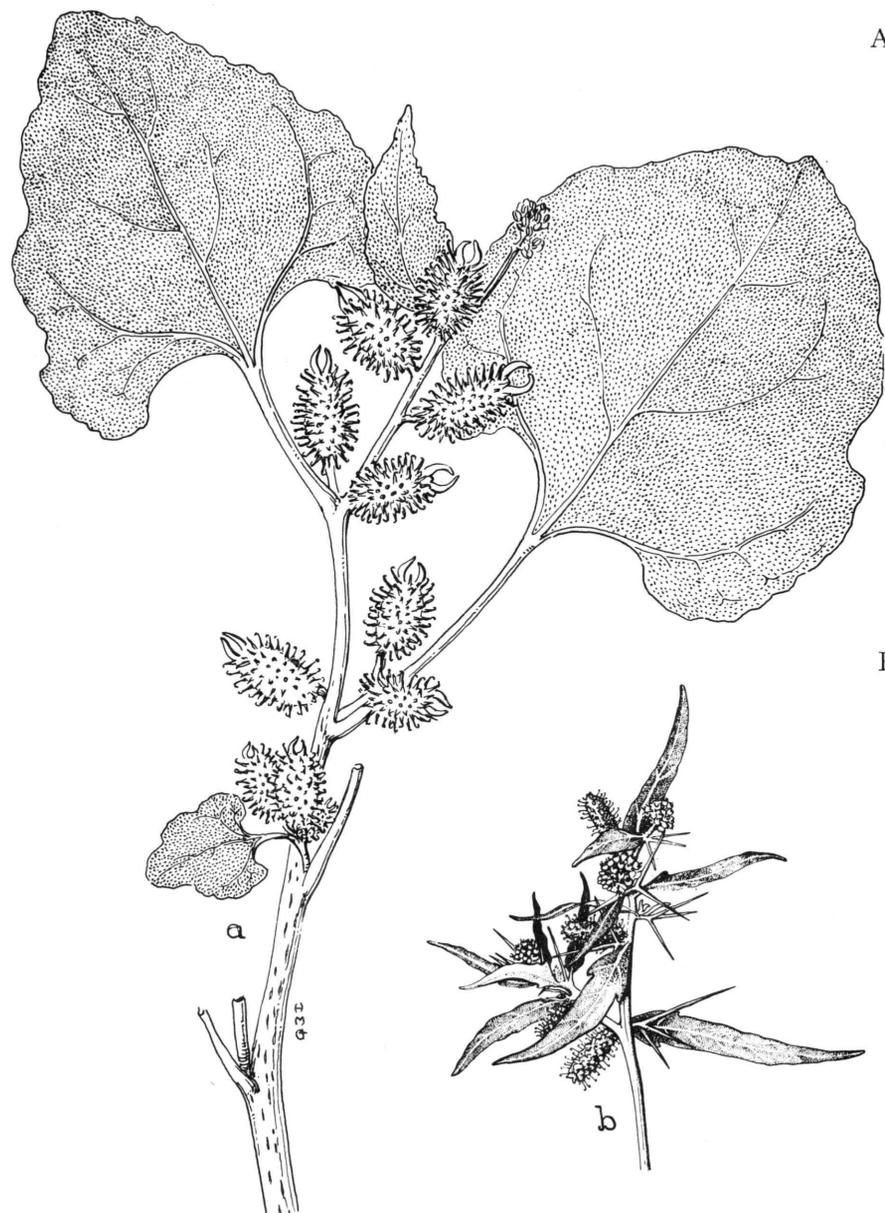
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Cocklebur

(Two species.)

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A. Scientific name: *Xanthium strumarium*
Common name: Broad leaved cocklebur

Annual

Leaf fan-shaped

Bur with curved beak and stiff bristles

Taproot shallow

B. Scientific name: *Xanthium spinosum*
Common name: Spiny cocklebur

Annual

Leaves densely covered below with short white hairs

Leaves white-veined above

Spines 3-forked

Taproot shallow

Both broad-leaved and spiny cockleburs have proved troublesome not only as weeds of farmyards and cultivated fields, but also as poisonous weeds. Both are annuals, growing erect, 1/2 to 2 feet tall.

Control: Spray with 1 to 2 pounds 2,4-D ester per acre when plants are small. Use lighter rates for selective control.



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