It is a heavy feeder and draws much food and moisture from the soil. Mowing to prevent seeding, hand-pulling after a rain, and thorough cultivation, are recommended. The Annual Sow-thistle has smaller, pale-yellow flowers, and is not so troublesome. It is found in cultivated fields and about buildings. The plants should be pulled from grain crops. Spiny-leaved Sow-thistle is an annual with clasping leaves with rounded, prickly lobes, quite common in gardens and in waste places.