Beggar’s Tick

Today on Gardening in a Minute: beggar’s tick.

Beggar’s tick is a native wildflower that attracts both bees and butterflies.

A member of the daisy family, it blooms spring through fall with one-inch flowers with white petals and yellow centers.

Some gardeners use beggar’s tick in butterfly gardens and naturalized meadows, but many view it as a weed.

This prolific seed producer is capable of producing an average of 1,200 seeds per plant. And the seeds travel easily, thanks to the tiny claws that they use to hitch a ride on just about anything that walks by.

If beggar’s tick makes a surprise and unwanted appearance in your yard, try to remove the plants before they set seed.

Or if you can embrace a more natural look, try leaving the plants for the bees and butterflies to enjoy.

For more information about beggar’s tick and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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