A Prickly Plant Called Sandmat



Have you gotten stickers in your feet when walking to the beach, or pulled thorns out of your dog's paws? You've met sandmat (*Cardionema ramosissima*), a native plant that thrives in dry, high traffic, sandy soils. Sandmat is great for erosion control and provides food and shelter for insects.

However, it has thorny seeds that can hitch a ride. By cleaning your gear, you can help to avoid spreading this annoying, but native, flowering plant.

