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Pallenis spinosa

[Synonyms : *Asteriscus spinosus*, *Bupthalmum spinosum*]

SPINY GOLDEN STAR is an annual or biennial. Native to the Mediterranean (especially the eastern end) it has yellow daisy-like flowers framed by long spiny-and pointed, leaf-like, green bracts extending in a star-like arrangement.

It is also known as *Asterisco spinoso* (Italian), *Estrellada espinosa* (Spanish), *Hvězdička ostnitá* (Czech), *Karphohorto* (Greek), Prickly oxeye, *Stavrángatho* (Greek), and *Stechendes Sternauge* (German).

The seeds are dispersed by the wind.

Spinosa is Latin (thorn, spine) meaning ‘spiny’ with reference to the conspicuous leaf-like bracts framing the flower heads.

Spiny golden star is cultivated as an ornamental particularly beyond its natural habitat.