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TIDBIT! Sand dunes are a vital ecosystem on the coast of South Carolina. They protect the mainland from storms and make suitable nesting habitats for shorebirds and sea turtles. It's important to stay off the dunes while you're visiting the beach so that you don't disturb those habitats and so you don't find yourself with painful puncture wounds from a dune sandbur! Belonging to the grass family, the dune sandbur's branches can be 4" to 28" long. They contain small flowers that are enclosed in a spiny bur. The spines protect the plant from being disturbed and are a very practical seed dispersal mechanism. The spines are very unpleasant when stepped on and very difficult to remove due to the backward-pointing barbs. Despite their hazardous seed pods, dune sandburs are important structurally for the sand dune. Their network of roots provide support for the dune and allows sand to accumulate around them, therefore making the dune larger and more sturdy.



Maggie Ruth Cochrane and they are most painful too!!!!

at 19:12:46 on 7/16/2014 UTC



Karen DeGraffenreid Sherbak Those suckers hurt!

at 19:26:56 on 7/16/2014 UTC



Janet Dunn Clark You ain't lived til you stepped on a sandspur...

at 19:31:57 on 7/16/2014 UTC



Anne Atkinson Ouch...

at 20:09:56 on 7/16/2014 UTC



Lesley Birks Casey Oh boy I learned this the hard way too.....& it does hurt :-)

at 21:24:55 on 7/16/2014 UTC



Heather Gardner Driver OMG Teri Smith Young you need to read this!! Oh wait, too late!!
Hahahaha

Tanya Cato Robin Anshewitz King

at 0:17:09 on 7/17/2014 UTC



Robin Anshewitz King If stepping on them is that painful, I wonder what it looks like when someone sits on a pile of sandburs? Probably has some comical reactions? Teri Smith Young, Tanya Cato, Heather Gardner Driver

at 0:26:20 on 7/17/2014 UTC



Heather Gardner Driver Hahaha yeah, I wonder what that looks like!!

at 0:29:34 on 7/17/2014 UTC



Teri Smith Young I think that dune was well protected..didn't take 2 seconds for me to blast off of it..lol. This article left out how poisonous the spurs are and how your buddies might need to take you to the ER.

at 1:05:48 on 7/17/2014 UTC



Robin Anshewitz King They also forgot to mention "said buddies" need to have video camera READY!

at 1:10:26 on 7/17/2014 UTC



Teri Smith Young Would like to publicly thank Heather Gardner Driver, Robin Anshewitz King, and Tanya Cato for the removal of the spurs.

at 1:12:37 on 7/17/2014 UTC



Robin Anshewitz King For the record. I never actually touched her butt.

at 1:13:38 on 7/17/2014 UTC



Ida Rebecca Kivett Martin We call them sand spurs.

at 12:41:10 on 7/17/2014 UTC

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Pamela Thomasson-Vanderford HA HA HATE THESE LOL

at 14:22:42 on 7/17/2014 UTC (*hidden*)



Regina Jacobs King ouch

at 20:43:30 on 7/17/2014 UTC