

# 'thistle' ruin your day...



Bull thistle  
(*Cirsium vulgare*)



Scotch thistle  
(*Onopordum acanthium*)

## California Invasive Weeds Awareness Week July 20 - 26, 2009

Across the Golden State, invasive plants reduce plant diversity and wildlife habitat, consume needed water, reduce agricultural production and create fire hazards. Among the many types of plants that invade the California landscape, non-native thistle species are a major problem, especially in the state's grasslands.

### How Can You Help?

- **LEARN** to identify invasive plants in your area
- **REPORT** weed sightings to the land manager or local weed group
- **SUPPORT** local, state and federal efforts to control invasive weeds



Woolly distaff thistle  
(*Cirsium lanatus*)

Artichoke thistle  
(*Cynara cardunculus*)



Musk thistle (*Carduus nutans*)

For more information on invasive weeds and local events in your area contact:

Visit [www.cal-ipc.org](http://www.cal-ipc.org) and <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/ipc> for information about invasive weeds in California.

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