

Weed Alert!

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(*Centaurea stoebe* ssp. *micranthos*)

Mature Size Knee



Description

- 2-3 ft. bushy perennial plant with highly branched flowering stems and pink to purple flowers
- Flowers are about $\frac{3}{4}$ in. in diameter and grow singly at the end of branches
- Flowers resemble tiny pineapples topped with a showy ring of flower petals
- Flower petals are $1\frac{1}{2}$ -3 in. with each petal branching several times
- Tips of small leaves at flower base are black, giving flowers a spotted appearance
- Grows as a low rosette of deeply lobed 8 in. leaves in the first year
- Stem leaves alternate with grayish hairs
- Reproduces by seed and vegetatively by resprouting when damaged
- Spread by roadsides, equipment, wind, hay, forage, seed, wildlife, waterfowl, livestock
- Native to Europe



Bloom Period Jun - Oct

Habitat Disturbed sites,
grassland, agricultural sites



2-Minute Removal Dig

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