

Weed Alert! Scotch thistle



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Scotch thistle

(*Onopordum acanthium*)

Mature Size Shoulder



Description

- 6 ft. thistle with large spiny leaves that taper down stems as spiny wings and are covered in fine cottony hairs
- Showy globe-shaped purple flowers are 1-3 in. wide
- Dark pink to lavender flowers are borne singly at the ends of flower stems or in clusters of 2-7
- Flowers produce seeds topped with feathery hairs, developing into a large cottony tuft
- Grows as a circle of basal leaves the first year
- Reproduces by seed
- Spread by wind, wildlife, waterfowl, livestock
- Native to Europe and Asia



Bloom Period May - Aug

Habitat Grassland, meadows and seeps



2-Minute Removal Dig

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