# Weed Alert! Woolly distaff thistle







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(Carthamus lanatus)

### Mature Size Waist

# Description

- Erect annual thistle to 3 ft. tall
- Yellow flower heads with faint red or black veins, surrounded by spiny leaves
- Leaves with deep lobes and spines on tips, and clasping stem leaves
- Stems are yellowish-white to pale green, and single on bottom half of the plant, but branched above
- Young plants form a lowgrowing cluster of leaves on the ground
- Reproduces by seed but may resprout when damaged





- Spread by waterways and hay
- Native to Europe and the Mediterranean region

Bloom Period May - Sep

**Habitat** Grassland



# 2-Minute Removal Dig

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