

Weed Alert!

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(*Centaurea debeauxii* spp. *thuillierii*)

Mature Size Waist



Description

- 3 ft. tall perennial forb with branched stems and single flowers at stem tips
- 1 in. wide flowers are pink to purple
- Leaves are alternate and simple with less lobing than squarrose, spotted, or diffuse knapweeds
- Seeds are brown, and much hairier than other knapweeds and lack a hairy tuft on top
- Reproduces primarily by seed, but may reproduce by resprouting from root and crown fragments
- Spread by cultivation, disturbance, horticulture, water, wildlife, birds, roads, trails
- Native to Europe – is a hybrid of black (*C. nigra*) and brown (*C. jacea*) knapweeds



Bloom Period May - Jul

Habitat Pastures, grasslands, moist sites, tree farms, disturbed sites



2-Minute Removal Dig

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