

Squarrose Knapweed



BOTANICAL NAME: *Centaurea squarrosa*

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Squarrose Knapweed typically grows 12-18 inches tall with branching stems from a basal rosette. The flowers are pink to purple, have bracts with spines that curve outward, and are smaller than Spotted Knapweed flowers. The upper leaves are long and narrow, the lower leaves are deeply dissected.

WHERE DOES IT LIKE TO GROW?

Squarrose Knapweed native to the eastern mediterranean area. It is drought and fire tolerant and invades dry pasture lands.

WHEN DOES IT BLOOM?

It flowers June through August. It is a perennial and can survive as a rosette for years if conditions are not favorable.

HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

It reproduces by seed only. The seed heads break away and can tumble, also the curved spiny bracts can attach to animals and be carried away.



WHY IS IT A NOXIOUS WEED?

Squarrose Knapweed invades dry pasture lands and spreads quickly, displacing valuable forage for wildlife and livestock.

CONTROL:

Squarrose Knapweed is on Idaho's EDRR (Early Detection & Rapid Response) list, which is the highest priority of all noxious weeds. We must not allow EDRR species to become established in Idaho. If you find it please report it as soon as possible to Kootenai County Noxious Weed Control so we can positively identify it, map its location, and assist you in eradicating it.

Want more information? Contact:

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