



Turkish Thistle

BOTANICAL NAME: *Carduus cinereus*

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Turkish thistle grows 4 feet tall. The stems are hairy with jagged wings along the sides. The leaves are up to 4 inches long and have deep lobes. The leaves along the stems attach directly, while the base leaves attach to a stalk called a petiole. The flowers are purple and not showy.



WHERE DOES IT GROW?

It tends to invade grasslands and rocky, south-facing slopes.

HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

Turkish Thistle is an annual and is currently thought to reproduce by seed only.

WHY IS IT A NOXIOUS WEED?

Turkish thistle is a relatively new invader to North America. Currently it is only known to be in certain areas of Idaho and Oregon. It has the potential to spread quickly, out competing desirable native vegetation and destroying range lands.

HOW DO I CONTROL IT?

Turkish Thistle is on Idaho's EDRR list, which is the highest priority of State noxious weeds. If you find it, please report it to the Kootenai County Noxious Weed Control as soon as possible so we can positively identify it, map its location, and help you eradicate it.



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