

Scotch Thistle is on the Loose!



Second Year
Scotch Thistle

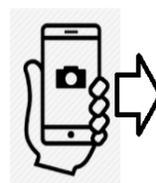
- Ring of spiny, lobed, hairy leaves that stay at ground level the first year, can be up to four feet across
- Thick, spiny, winged stems can be up to eight feet tall the second year
- Large, purple, globe shaped flower heads can be up to two inches wide



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Have you seen this weed? **Scotch Thistle** is an aggressive invader that has been sighted in Kootenai County but is not yet widespread. Let's not let it get established! Each plant can produce an average of 10,000 seeds that can remain viable up to 40 years.* If you find it, please contact kcnoxiousweeds@kcgov.us to learn how we can help. Spread the word, not the weed!

Use your smartphone camera to follow this link for an informative video:



*10,000 seeds and 40 year viability according to University of Idaho.