

knapweed, black — *Centaurea nigra*  
knapweed, brown — *Centaurea jacea*  
knapweed, meadow (hybrid) — *Centaurea × moncktonii*  
Asteraceae (Sunflower Family)

Category:

Prohibited Noxious



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knapweed, black  
*Centaurea nigra*

- **Information:** Introduced from Eurasia, weed of disturbed areas, tolerates a wide range of conditions (brown knapweed prefers cool, moist areas), weed of hayland, Meadow knapweed is a hybrid of black and brown knapweed.
- **Life Cycle:** Herbaceous perennial.
- **Root:** Woody crown, woody taproot.
- **Leaves:** Leaves are not highly divided like many of the other knapweeds.
- **Stems:** 20-80cm, branching mid stem.
- **Flower:** Pink, purple, comb-like bracts below flowers. Brown knapweed has brown bracts and the tips of the bracts of black knapweed are black. Meadow knapweed can be either.
- **Seed/Fruits:** Reproduces by seed.
- **Toxicity:** Allelopathic towards other plants.
- **Control:** Long-term control, hand pick, chemical.