

knapweed, Squarrose  
*Centaurea virgata*  
Asteraceae (Sunflower Family)

Category:

Prohibited Noxious



- **Information:** Introduced from Eastern Mediterranean/Asia, looks similar to Diffuse Knapweed in growth form but has pink flowers. Weed of range and pasture, open habitats.
- **Life Cycle:** Perennial.
- **Root:** Taproot.
- **Leaves:** Rosette leaves in first years growth, deeply divide leaves on the lower portion of the plant, bract-like leaves on the top, green-grey in color.
- **Stems:** 30-50cm tall, highly branched.
- **Flower:** Pink flowers, smaller than the other pink knapweeds, bracts below the flowers.
- **Seed/Fruits:** Reproduces by seed, remains viable for many years.
- **Toxicity:**
- **Control:** Early detection, grazing.