

Thistle, Plumeless
Carduus acanthoides
Asteraceae (Sunflower Family)

Category:

Prohibited Noxious



- **Information:** May also be called Bristly Thistle, may be confused with native thistles.
- **Life Cycle:** Herbaceous biennial, or winter annual. Rosette leaves in the first years growth, flowers in the second.
- **Root:** Taproot, large and fleshy.
- **Leaves:** Clasping, alternately arranged on the stem, spines along edge and at leaf tip, hairy, lobed. Rosette leaves are very large.
- **Stems:** Spines along stem, up to 2m tall.
- **Flower:** Purple, small, erect, spine tipped bracts, smaller than nodding thistle.
- **Seed/Fruits:** Spread by seed, pappus attached to seed, wind dispersal.
- **Toxicity:**
- **Control:** Hand pull, chemical control before seed set.