

Thistle, Canada

*Cirsium arvense*

Asteraceae (Sunflower Family)

Category:

Noxious



- **Information:** Introduced from Europe.
- **Life cycle:** Perennial.
- **Root:** Horizontal and vertical.
- **Leaves:** Alternate, wavy, lance shaped, lobed, spine-tipped and lack stalks; Upper leaves smaller than lower leaves.
- **Stems:** 30-120cm tall, lack spines, erect, ridged, branched, and slightly hairy.
- **Flower:** Purple fading to white with diameter of 1.5-2cm form clusters at branch ends. Bracts have weak prickles (no spines).
- **Seed/Fruit:** Long, flattened seeds with tufts of white hairs.
- **Control:** Chemical, late fall application.

<http://www.invasiveplants.ab.ca/Downloads/FS-Canada/Thistle.pdf>