

Knapweed, Diffuse
Centaurea diffusa
Asteraceae (Sunflower Family)

Category:

Prohibited Noxious



- . **Information:** Introduced from Eurasia.
- . **Life cycle:** Biennial or short-lived perennial.
- . **Root:** Taproot.
- . **Leaves:** Seedlings have finely divided leaves with small hairs. Mature leaves are divided into linear segments, broadly lance-shaped, grayish-green, covered with woolly hairs, and alternate.
- . **Stems:** Up to 60cm tall and highly branched.
- . **Flower:** White or pink flower head. Bracts form stiff, cream- to brown coloured spines divided into comb-like teeth.
- . **Seed/Fruit:** Brown or grayish, small.
- . **Control:** Long term, hand pick, chemical.