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, greengrey 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.