

# WANTED

**Name:** Milk thistle (*Silybum marianum*)

**Aliases:** Blessed milk thistle, Spotted thistle, Variegated thistle

**Description:** Annual or biennial up to 6 feet tall; distinctive white marbling on leaves; spines on leaf edges and branched stems; single, large, pink-purple flower on each stem

**Last seen:** Roadsides, pastures, and fields

**Charge:** Nitrate poisoning in cattle and sheep; displacing native vegetation as well as forage plants



Milk thistle rosette



For additional information, please contact any of the following:

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