Name: Meadow knapweed (Centaurea pratensis)

Aliases: meadow thistle

**Description:** Stout plant 1' to 5' tall; leaves up to 6" long, narrow, coarsely lobed, and tapering off towards the top; produces 1 to 3 pink to purple flowers 1/4" to 1/2" wide at branch ends; black triangular spots on its bracts

Last seen: Roadsides, near over-grazed pasture

**Charge:** Out-competing native species, reducing forage for wildlife and livestock, causing problems for tree growers





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