



Spotted Knapweed

A weed you should get to know.

Spotted Knapweed *Centaurea maculosa*

Why should I get to know this weed?

Weeds, such as spotted knapweed, can degrade the ecological and economic values of the lands we care about by altering native plant communities. When weeds are detected early, they can be more easily removed or contained. Preventing weeds from spreading into new areas is beneficial to all of us!

How can I identify it?

Spotted knapweed, which has multiple slender stems with many fine branches, occupies habitats ranging from moist riparian areas to dry mountain slopes.



- one pinkish-purple flower head per branch
- dark 'spots' below flower head
- grayish, slightly hairy, divided leaves along stem

Where should I report my sightings?

- County Weed District
- County Extension Office
- State Dept. of Agriculture
- U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service



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