

Knapweed, Russian
Acroptilon repens
Asteraceae (Sunflower Family)

Category:

Prohibited Noxious



- **Information:** Native to Eurasia, forms dense, long lived stands.
- **Life cycle:** Perennial.
- **Root:** Rhizomatous with black, bark-like Covering.
- **Leaves:** Basal leaves toothed, covered with fine hairs, grayish-green. Lower stem leaves deeply lobed, 5-10cm long; upper stem leaves narrow, toothed, and up to 6cm long.
- **Stems:** One or more stems up to 90cm tall.
- **Flower:** One purple flower head per branch tip. Bracts rounded with papery tips.
- **Seed/Fruit:** Oval, grey or ivory with long white bristles.
- **Toxic:** Horses.
- **Control:** Long term, hand pick, chemical control late in the season.

<http://www.invasiveplants.ab.ca/Downloads/FS-RussianKnapweed.pdf>