

Knapweed, Spotted

Centaurea stoebe

Asteraceae (Sunflower Family)

Category:

Prohibited Noxious



- **Information:** Introduced from Europe, covers vast areas of land in Canada and in the USA, found in disturbed areas, is allelopathic.
- **Life cycle:** Biennial or short-lived perennial.
- **Root:** Taproot.
- **Leaves:** Rosette leaves are deeply lobed, grayish green, and up to 15cm long. Stem leaves finely divided into linear segments.
- **Stems:** Up to 120cm tall and highly branched.
- **Flower:** One pinkish-purple flower head on each branch. Bracts have dark spot on tip and fringed edges.
- **Seed/Fruit:** Black seeds 2mm long.
- **Control:** long term, hand pick, chemical.