



Plant, Breneman, Flower, Donaldson

- Also Known As** Common thistle
- Origin** Nonnative, invasive
- Habitat** Pastures, roadsides, disturbed sites
- Life Cycle** Biennial
- Flowering Time** Mid-July to fall
- Management** Dig, removing top 2 inches of root; herbicides are available
- Noxious Weed List** Nevada-NO; California-YES, not yet rated



1 - 1.5 in

Flower head vase-shaped



Tops of leaves rough, sandpaper texture

Underside of leaf cottony, prominently raised main vein



Rosette leaves rough, prominent veins



- Height: 1 - 6 ft, commonly 2 - 3 ft
- Stems: spiny and winged
- Leaves: sandpaper texture, prominent veins
- Flowers: in clusters at ends of branches
- Flower color: pink to purple