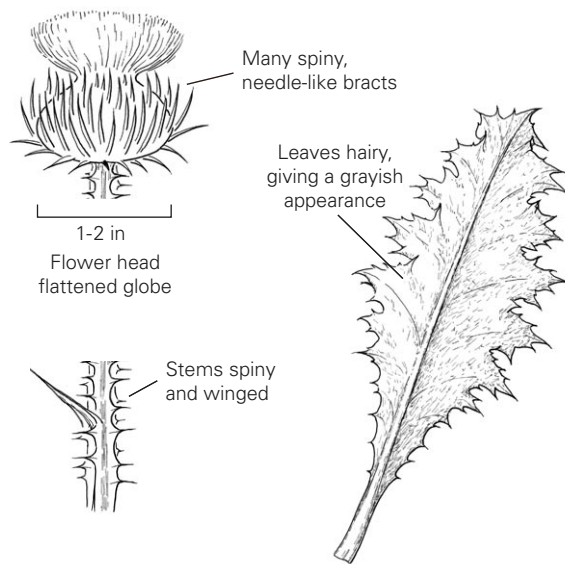




Also Known As	Winged thistle
Origin	Nonnative, invasive
Habitat	Waste areas, roadsides, disturbed soils
Life Cycle	Biennial; rarely annual
Flowering Time	Mid-July to fall
Management	Dig, removing top 2 inches of root; herbicides are available
Noxious Weed List	Nevada-YES; California-YES, A-rated



- Height: up to 10 ft, commonly 5+ ft (the tallest of the thistles)
- Stems: spiny, prominently winged
- Leaves: hairy and sessile
- Flowers: in groups of 2 or 3 on branched tips
- Flower color: purple