

SPOTTED KNAPWEED

(*Centaurea maculosa* Lam.)

GROWTH HABIT: Biennial or short lived perennial, up to 3 feet tall. Rosette formed first year, flowering stalk elongates second year.

LEAVES: Long and divided below, short and narrow above.

STEM: Erect with slender wiry branches. Covered with fine hair.

FLOWER: Seed heads mostly on branch tips, solitary, to 1 inch diameter. Pink to purple, rarely white. Seed head bracts are black tipped.

ROOTS: Taproot, not well developed.

SEEDS: Brownish, 1/8 inch long, notched on one side of base, short tuft of bristles at tip end.

