

# LOCAL NOXIOUS WEEDS

## Spotted Knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa*)



**Roots:** taproot, stout

**Stems:** erect or ascending, 1 to several, branching above, ridged

**Leaves:** alternate, surfaces nearly hairless

**Flowers:** pink to purple disk florets

**Origin:** Eurasia

## Musk Thistle (*Carduus nutans*)



**Roots:** taproot, fleshy, stout

**Stems:** erect, highly branched, with spiny wings

**Leaves:** alternate, blades simple, margins deeply serrate, surfaces without hair

**Flowers:** rose-purple to white disk florets, developing from outer edge to center

**Origin:** Eurasia

## Plumeless Thistle (*Carduus acanthoides*)



**Roots:** taproot, fleshy, stout

**Stems:** erect, freely branching above, with spiny wings

**Leaves:** alternate, blades simple, irregular and deeply pinnatifid

**Flowers:** purple disk florets

**Origin:** Eurasia

**Field Bindweed**  
**(*Convolvulus arvensis*)**



**Roots:** extensive root system (to a depth of 10m) rhizomes, creeping

**Stems:** vine, twining, trailing on the surface or climbing

**Leaves:** alternate, blades simple, variable, ovate to oblong

**Flowers:** white or pink corolla, funnel shaped

**Origin:** Eurasia

**Common Mullein**  
**(*Verbascum thapsus*)**



**Roots:** taproot

**Stems:** erect, stout, unbranched or a few upright branches near the top

**Leaves:** alternate and rosette, basal blades simple, surfaces woolly

**Flowers:** sulfur-yellow to pale yellow corolla

**Origin:** Europe