

# SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES



## Bull Thistle

(*Cirsium vulgare*)



**Roots:** taproot, fleshy

**Stems:** erect, many spreading branches, green to brownish, slightly hairy, wings irregular, spiny on upper portion

**Leaves:** alternate, blades simple, lobes frequently bifid, tips pointed, margins toothed and tipped with spines

**Flowers:** dark purple to rose or pinkish-purple disk florets

**Origin:** Eurasia