

# SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES



## 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