

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