

SD Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

INVASIVE SPECIES WATCH LIST



Acroptilon repens

RUSSIAN KNAPWEED

Creeping herbaceous perennial

Blooms June through September

Grows 2 to 3 feet tall

Pink/purple flower 1/4-1/2 " in diameter

Basal leaves are lobed

Gray/green rosette base; dense hairs

Erect branching stem covered in cobwebby hairs



FLOWER
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PLANT
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IMPACTS

**Aggressive plant in both rangeland
and cropland**

Out-competes resident vegetation

Reduced yield due to competition

**Toxic to livestock (especially
horses)**

Reduces forage availability



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