

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES



Scotch Thistle

(*Onopordum acanthium*)



Roots: taproot, stout, fleshy

Stems: erect, simple to usually much-branched above, with broad and spiny wings formed by leaf bases

Leaves: alternate, blades simple, coarsely lobed or toothed with spines

Flowers: purple to violet or reddish to pinkish-white disk florets

Origin: Eurasia