

Canada thistle is an aggressive perennial that was introduced into the United States in the 1600s. By 1954, forty three states had already declared it a noxious weed. This weed can be found infesting crops lands, pastures, rangeland, roadsides and non-crop lands. Canada thistle can tolerate a variety of soils and can easily infest an area in a few years. Flowers are rose-purple to lavender. Once plant can easily produce between, 1,000 to 1,500 seeds per flower.



**Where to get more  
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**Canada thistle**  
*Cirsium arvense*



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