DIFFUSE KNAPWEED

Common Names: Diffuse, White or Tumble Knapweed - *Centaurea diffusa* L.
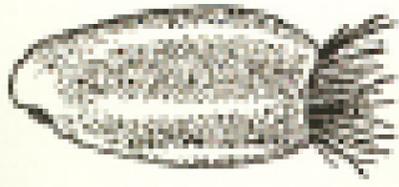
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Bract

Seed

Weed education is a cooperative effort between WSU Douglas County Extension, Douglas County and Foster Creek Conservation District.

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Plant Description: Multiple branches, 1-2 feet tall, urn-shaped.
Flowers: White to pink or sometimes purple.
Seed Heads: Produces many seed heads, bracts covered with small spines and one larger spine at the tip.

Seed Production: Up to 18,000 seeds.

Habitat: Grows near sandy river shores and in rangelands and pastures. It is not tolerant of flooding or shade. It thrives in gravel pits, along roadsides and railroad tracks, vacant lots, trails and heavily grazed pasture.

What Are Noxious Weeds?

Noxious Weeds are defined by the State Weed Board as plants that negatively impact agriculture, wildlife, human health, land values or natural resources.

Noxious Weed Related Concerns:

Increased soil erosion, displacement of native or desirable vegetation, water shed impacts, toxicity concerns, reduced recreation, property value and livestock carrying capacity, allergies and increased fire frequency.

What Can You Do To Help?

1) Learn how to recognize weed species.
2) Reseed disturbed soil.
3) Check your vehicle, yourself and pets for hitchhiking weeds.
4) Purchase and transport weed free forage.
5) Pull up small isolated weeds when encountered.
6) Report weed infestations to the proper authority and help spread the word *BECAUSE* weeds affect **Everyone!**