

**PLANT:** Canada Thistle  
(*Cirsium arvense*)

**Perennial**

**Noxious**

**Growth:** 1-4 Feet tall (colony-forming)

**I.D.** Horizontal (rizomunas) Roots  
Small Purple Seedheads form clusters  
In late summer the seedhead will dry and release a cotton like ball of seeds that are very light and very mobile in the wind.  
Leaves are alternating on the stem  
Leaves have sharp spines at the tips  
Leaves and stem are a true green

**Other:** Canada thistle is native to southeastern Eurasia.  
Intodused into Canada in contaminated seed in the late 18th century.

**THIS IS A DIFFICULT PLANT TO CONTROL TILLING, PLOWING  
OR DISTURBING THE ROOT WILL ONLY SPRED THE PLANT  
FURTHER!!!**



