

State Prohibited Noxious Weeds

Plumeless Thistle – *Carduus acanthoides*



Biennial (rosette year 1, bolted year 2) – 2 to 7 feet tall

Stems are branched and heavily covered with spiny winged leaflets

Leaves are wavy, deeply lobed, and edges are covered with yellow spines

Flowers are small (1 – 2 inches dia.), pink/rose in color, and surrounded by many spiny bracts

Reproduces by seed

