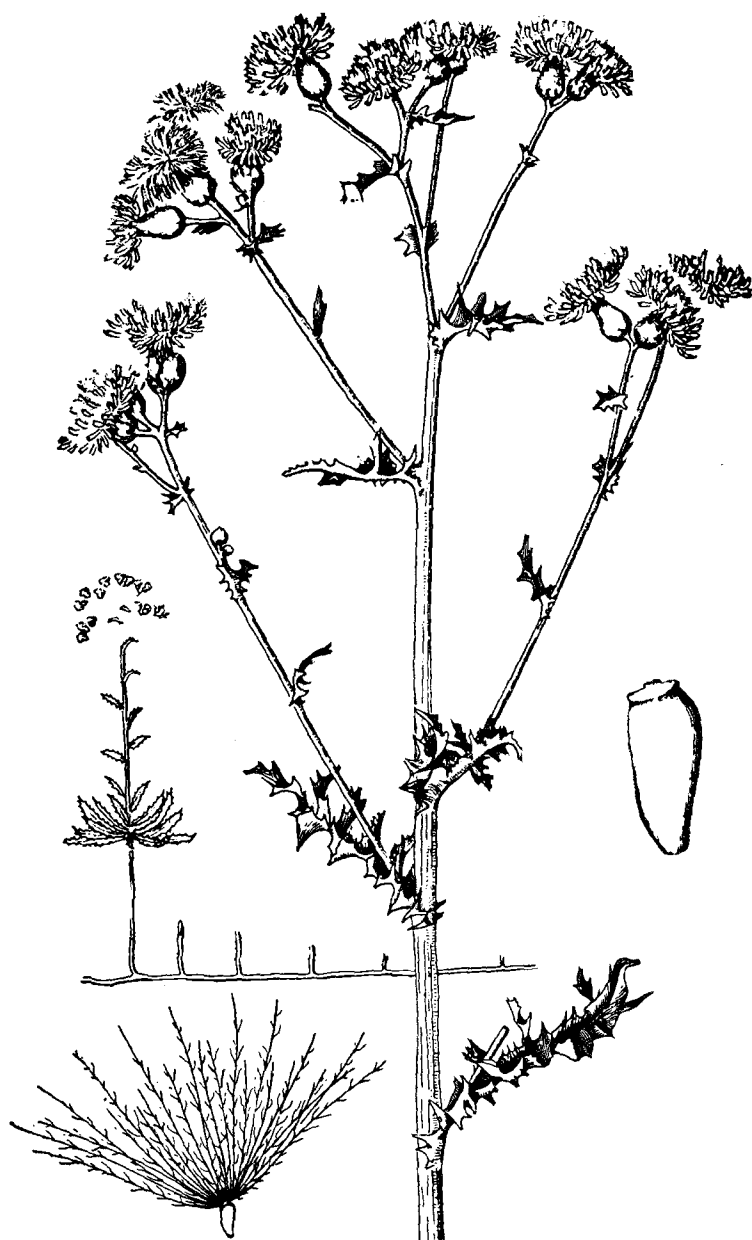


Canada Thistle

Scientific name: *Cirsium arvense*

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Perennial

Flowers purple to white

Mature plant 1 to 4 feet tall

Leaves usually long and narrow with short, sharp spines

Plants spreading by creeping underground roots

Canada thistle is most commonly found on range lands and in non-cultivated areas; however, it does occur in grain fields.

Control: Best control obtained at flower bud stage of growth. Spot treatment on non-cropland 1 to 1½ pounds picloram (Tordon) per acre. Spot treatment on cropland 4 to 6 pounds dicamba (Banvel). 10 pounds 2,4-D Amine at bud stage. 2 pounds 2,4-D or 2 pounds Amitrol (non-cropland only) give limited control.



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