

Canada Thistle

Identification characteristics:

- Typically forms clumps or patches
- Flower heads small, compact
- Small spines on leaf margins
- Can grow 3-5 feet tall
- Flower heads white to purple

Control options:

- Chemical control, best when sprayed at rosette stage
 - Examples include but not limited to:
 - 2,4-D (Amine)
 - Dicamba (Rifle, Banvel, Clarity)
 - Aminopyralid (Milestone)
 - Clopyralid (Stinger, Transline, Pyramid)
 - Chlorsulfuron (Telar, Glean)
 - Aminocyclopyrachlor
 - Metsulfuron (Escort)
 - Picloram (Tordon)
 - Always follow label instructions when applying herbicides
- Mechanical control
 - Tillage is NOT recommended as plants regrow from severed roots
 - Repeated mowing prior to flowering may hinder nutrient storage and suppress flower formation
- Cultural control
 - Encourage growth of desirable vegetation
- Biological control
 - Varied success with insect and pathogen biocontrol agents

