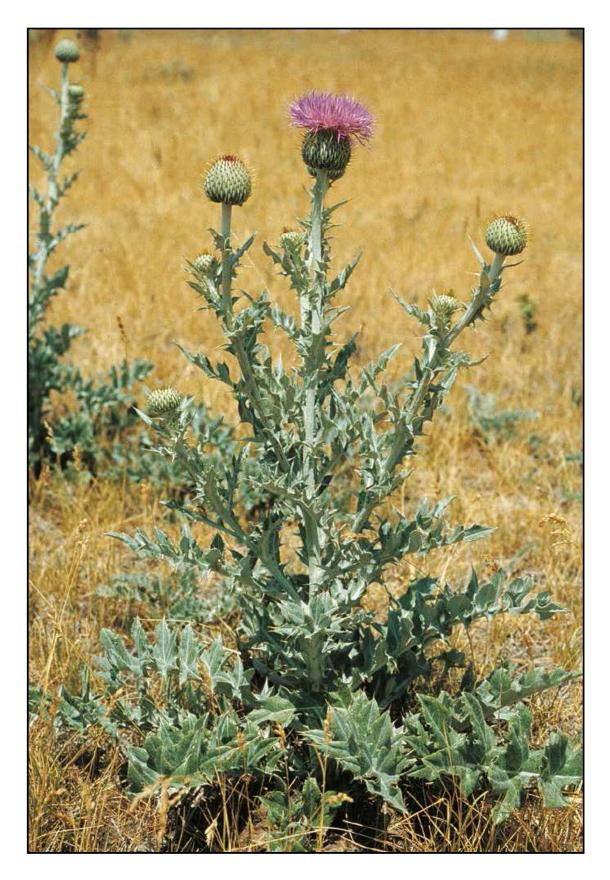
Wavyleaf thistle *Cirsium undulatum* (Nutt.) Spreng.



Wavyleaf thistle Asteraceae (Sunflower family)

A perennial from a simple taproot. Stems are erect, branching, and $1\,1/2$ to $3\,1/2$ feet tall. Leaves of basal rosettes are 3 to 10 inches long, toothed, and hairy on both upper and lower surfaces, with spines 1/16 to $2\,3/8$ inches long. Upper leaves are also toothed and spined, but are smaller. Flowers may be pink, pink-purple, or creamy white. Flower bracts often have a prominent white glandular dorsal ridge, and are hairy on the margins or overall.

Wavyleaf thistle is a native species, often associated with sagebrush communities in foothills, meadows, and rangeland.

Non-standard name: gray thistle.



Wavyleaf thistle rosette.



Involucre bracts often have a prominent white glandular dorsal ridge and minutely hairy margins.