

**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.*