

WANTED

Spotted Knapweed

Alias: Centaurea biebersteinii



Courtesy of UAE Cooperative Extension

Member of the Aster Family



From the sketchbook of Mary Keefer Bloom

Description: Rosette of deeply lobed basal leaves in first year. In following years, one to ten multiply-branched stems 1-3 feet long are produced. Single pinkish-purple flower and single deep taproot.

Crimes committed: Reproduces solely by seed, producing 1,000 long-lived seeds per year which can germinate in spring or fall. Grows in wide range of conditions and habitats. Reduces browse for wildlife, increases erosion, reduces water quality, and out-competes native plants.