

# WANTED

(Dead, Not Alive)

## SPOTTED KNAPWEED

(a.k.a. *Centaurea maculosa*) & their similar  
kin - Russian, diffuse, and squarrose knapweed  
Last Seen Growing In This Vicinity



### Distinguishing Features

- ☞ reaches almost 3 feet in height
- ☞ maintains a flowering stalk as it matures
- ☞ dark spots visible on flower buds and heads
- ☞ flowers are pink to purple, sometimes white
- ☞ leaves are short, narrow and covered with fine hair; small and divided at the base of the plant; in small clusters close to the ground during its first year

### Crimes Committed:

- ☞ choking & the deliberate takeover of native plants
- ☞ stealing land, homes, & food from wildlife
- ☞ corrupting & invading open lands, roadsides, & recreation areas
- ☞ costing a bundle for taxpayers to control
- ☞ wreaking havoc & mayhem on innocent, unsuspecting ecosystems

### Join the Invasive-Weed Patrol

- ☞ help stop the spread of this weedy, seedy, desperado
- ☞ report any sightings to local land managers or rangers
- ☞ remove all weed seeds from clothing, shoes, pets, camping gear, & tire treads

### Reward

Healthy Ecosystems on Your Public Lands



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