



TETON COUNTY WEED AND PEST DISTRICT

Meadow Knapweed *Centaurea pratensis* L.

Meadow knapweed is a perennial plant that grows about 3 ½ feet tall. It has long leaves for a knapweed and the margins may be either entire or toothed. It has large pink flowers with woody short bracts. The flowers of Meadow knapweed resemble those of Spotted knapweed; however, they are generally larger. It reproduces both by seed and from the crown of the plant. Meadow knapweed is introduced from Europe.

Meadow knapweed will grow in a variety of environments where it can displace native vegetation. Given an opportunity, it will spread further, forming a near monoculture and rendering the land unfit for wildlife.

Currently, there have been two infestations found in Teton County which was successfully removed with no sign of re-growth. However, we do know that this weed species exists in areas near Teton County. Since this weed is an aggressive knapweed, Teton County Weed and Pest considers it to be a high priority for prevention and eradication upon detection.

If you find this weed on your property or around Teton County, please report it immediately at 733-8419.



Lobbed Leaves

