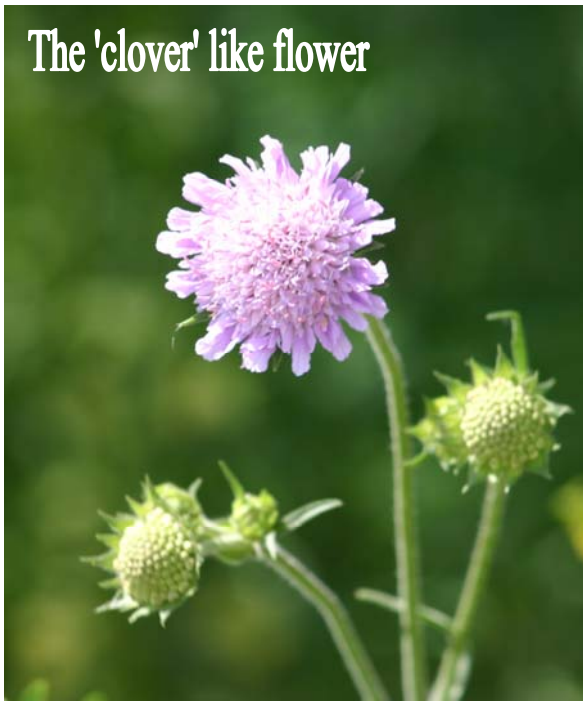


The 'clover' like flower



Field Scabious *Knautia arvensis*

Field Scabious is a tap-rooted perennial that reproduces entirely by seed and grows 2-5 feet tall. The entire plant is covered with fine white hairs that can be very stiff toward the base of the plant. The leaves are deeply lobed and often opposite paired. The leaves towards the base of the plant are the largest and get progressively smaller with fewer lobes higher on the plant. The flowers are light purple and occur terminally from the stems meaning generally each stem produces a single flower as opposed to a cluster. The flower is similar in appearance to those of clovers. It is a very prolific seed producer often producing thousands of seeds per plant.

Field Scabious has shown itself to be a very aggressive invader in riparian areas as well as irrigated fields. It prefers loose, loam soils that are nutrient rich.

This plant is considered a relatively new invader to Teton County with the only large infestation in the South Park Loop Road area with a few satellite plants recorded in various places.

A typical adult plant
flowering from June
to August

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If this plant is found in Teton County please contact us at (307)-733-8419 for management options.

