



TETON COUNTY WEED AND PEST DISTRICT

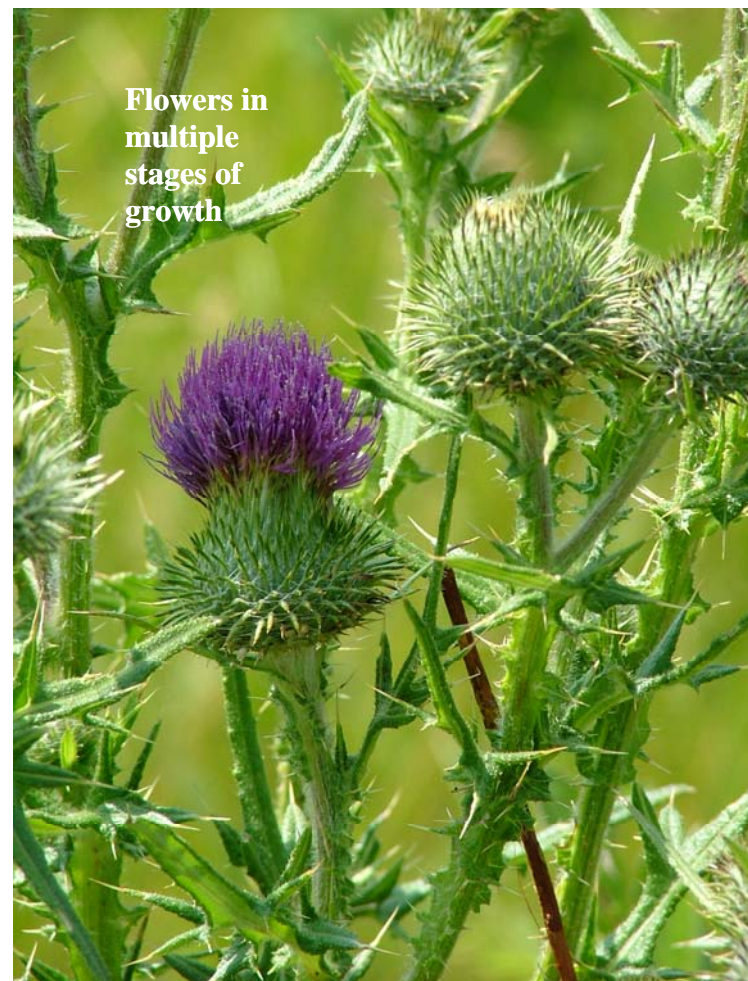
## **Bull thistle** *Cirsium vulgare*

Bull thistle is a biennial with a short fleshy taproot that spreads by wind dispersed seeds. The plant often grows from 2-5 feet in height. The flowers are pinkish-purple and appear on the terminal stems, they also have narrow spine tipped bracts on their flowers. The leaves are dark green, rough, pinnately divided, and have long spines.

Bull thistle has a long history of being a weed in the United States and is found in every state including Hawaii. In Teton County, we see bull thistle invading riparian areas that have higher levels of moisture. **This plant is often a nuisance and if you need help controlling this weed please contact Teton County Weed & Pest District 733-8419.**



Pre-flowering second year plant



Flowers in multiple stages of growth



Rosettes