

Centaurea virgata ssp. squarrosa

Squarrose Knapweed

Asteraceae, the sunflower family

Category: **EDRR**



Diagnostic Characteristics

- Perennial; woody base that grows 1-1½ feet tall
- Rosette and lower leaves are deeply lobed; upper leaves are entire, linear, or bract-like
- Stems are highly branched
- Flowers are rose to purple colored and relatively small, slender, and urn-shaped
- Bract tips are recurved or spreading

Background

- Native to Asia
- Inhabits rangelands and disturbed areas
- Reproduces by seed
- Seeds disperse with the seed head as a unit
- Often confused with Diffuse knapweed
- More adaptable to drought and cold temperatures than Spotted knapweed and Diffuse knapweed.

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Centaurea triumfetti

