

**SOLDIER THISTLE***Picnoman acarna*

**Description:** Erect annual herb to 1 m tall. Yellow-green in appearance due to numerous yellow spines on the leaves.

**Flowers:** Pink or purple flower heads, growing 2-4 cm long. Flowers during early summer.

**Leaves:** Covered with fine white, woolly hairs and yellow spines. Rosette leaves grow to 30 cm long while stem leaves are 1-1.5 cm long, narrow and alternate.

**Stems:** Densely leafy and branched with spiny wings and fine white hairs, which give them a woolly appearance.

**Seeds:** 4-6 mm long smooth and shiny seeds with a detachable parachute of bristles on one end.

**Note:** Easily controlled however well established infestations can compete with crops, choke harvesting equipment or injure animals.

Regionally Prohibited Weed

Annual



CONTROL OPTIONS



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