

COMMON NAME:
RUSSIAN THISTLE

SCIENTIFIC NAME:
SALSOLA TRAGUS

ALSO CALLED: SALSOLA IBERICA, PRICKLY RUSSIAN THISTLE, TUMBLEWEED, AND WIND WITCH

FLOWER COLOR: WHITE
FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: SINGLE OR IN MULTIPLES
FLOWERING TIME: APRIL TO JULY
LEAVES: MINIATURE POINTED
NORMAL SIZE: UP TO 4'
NORMAL ELEVATION: BELOW 4000'
HABITATION: FLAT PLAINS
ABUNDANCE: COMMON

NOTABLE DETAILS: ROUND BUSHES WITH SHORT POINTED LEAVES AND TINY WHITE FLOWERS

SPECIAL INTEREST: CAME FROM RUSSIA AND NOW DOMINATE LARGE AREAS WHEN RAIN FALLS AT PROPER TIME AND BECOMES THE TUMBLEWEEDS OF OLD WESTERNS