

**COMMON NAME:**  
PURPLE STAR-THISTLE

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:**  
CENTAUREA REPENS

**ALSO CALLED:** RUSSIAN KNAPWEED AND STAR THISTLE

**FLOWER COLOR:** PURPLE  
**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT:** SINGLY AT ENDS OF BRANCHES  
**FLOWERING TIME:** MAY TO OCTOBER  
**LEAVES:** LONG LANCELOT  
**NORMAL SIZE:** TO ABOUT 3'  
**NORMAL ELEVATION:** 5000' TO 7000'  
**HABITATION:** OPEN PLAINS  
**ABUNDANCE:** RARE

**NOTABLE DETAILS:** LARGE HERBACEOUS MANY-BRANCHED PLANT WITH RAYLESS COMPOUND LAVENDER PURPLE FLOWERS AND LONG LANCELOT LEAVES

**SPECIAL INTEREST:** SAID TO BE HARD TO CONTROL ONCE ESTABLISHED BECAUSE IT PRODUCES BY SEED AND ROOTS BUT IS VERY ATTRACTIVE