



Musk Thistle
(*Carduus nutans*)

Rosette

Flower

Musk Thistle can be both a biennial and a winter annual and can grow up to 6' tall. While it is also characterized by thorny leaves, it can be differentiated from Canada thistle by the size of the plant and its flower which can grow 1 ½ - 3 inches in diameter. Native to southern Europe and western Asia it is one of the few plants for which Biological control is showing some modicum of success.