

Fact Sheet: Thistles

Thistles are vigorous competitors. The dense, flattened rosette leaves smother desirable pasture species seedlings in spring, reducing their early growth. Dense stands of mature thistles create barriers that hinder livestock movement. Thistles are prolific seeders and can spread quickly if not controlled.

Although susceptible to herbicide control as rosettes, once established, thistles are difficult and expensive to control. Dense thistle populations can reduce property values.

For more information and advice on identification and control please contact the Local Land Services, Yass Valley Council Biosecurity Weeds Officer or your local agronomist.

Scotch Thistle (*Onopordum acanthium*)



Saffron Thistle (*Carthamus lanatus*)



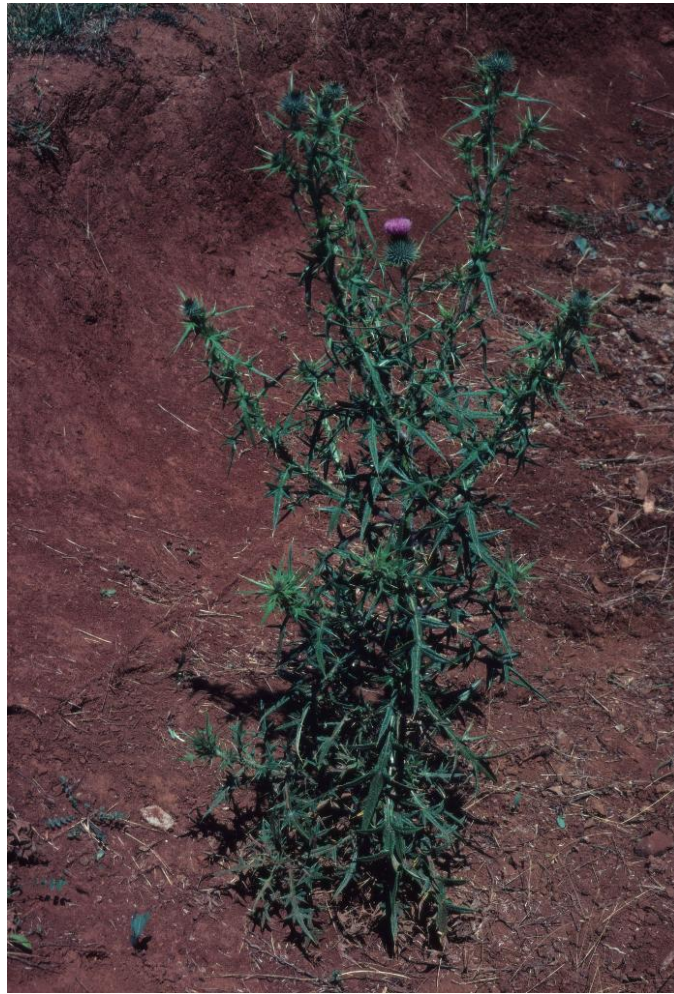
Slender Thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*)



Variegated Thistle (*Silybum marianum*)



Spear or Black Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*)



Artichoke Thistle (*Cynara cardunculus*)

