

NOT-WANTED!

CUT-LEAVED TEASEL

Dipsacus laciniatus

EARLY DETECTION & CONTROL WILL PREVENT INFESTATIONS!



Cut-leaved Teasel is a perennial that flowers once, and then dies. This plant threatens prairies, sedge meadows and woodland edges. Flowers are commonly used for dried floral arrangements. Plants are able to grow in sun or shade and are often found growing near cemeteries. First year plants grow as circular, low-growing rosettes. Rosettes become larger in following years. During the second or third year, a ridged, extremely prickly flowering stem grows to 2 – 7 feet tall.

Leaves on the stem are opposite, long, deeply cut, prickly, and joined into a cup around stalk. These leaf-cups capture rainfall and often contain mosquito larvae.

Flowers are small and white in large (2-3 inches long by $\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide) oval-shaped, spiny heads at the top of the stems. Flowers bloom summer into fall. Common teasel (*D. fullonum*) is similar and invasive but with purple flowers and leaves not deeply cut. Heavy seeds fall nearby and are moved by mowing, water, vehicle and foot traffic. Mowed rosette leaves may root if left in contact with water. Rosettes may be treated with herbicide; flowering heads should be removed and bagged to prevent reseeding.

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