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- *Cirsium arvense*
- Perennial
- Flowers are white to purple
- Lance shaped, spiny leaves
- Spread via rhizomes

CANADA THISTLE

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Canada thistle spreads via underground rhizomes and many of the aboveground material (shoots) are in fact one individual plant. Hand-pulling and tilling are ineffective control methods as Canada thistle may be propagated by fragmentation. It's roots can spread up to thirty feet in a single growing season. It may have purple or rarely white flowers.

