

RUSSIAN KNAPWEED

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- *Rhaponticum repens*
- Perennial
- Urn shaped, purple flowers
- Papery tipped bracts
- Stems are thin and covered in a gray hair when young

Another knapweed, yet this one is more sinister. Russian knapweed is poisonous to horses and causes chewing disease. The afflicted animal will act like its grazing, but will actually starve to death. It is usually not selected as food, but once the animals eat it they develop a taste for it. Please report this species to the Weed and Pest Supervisor at (970)264-6773 or via eddmaps.org.

