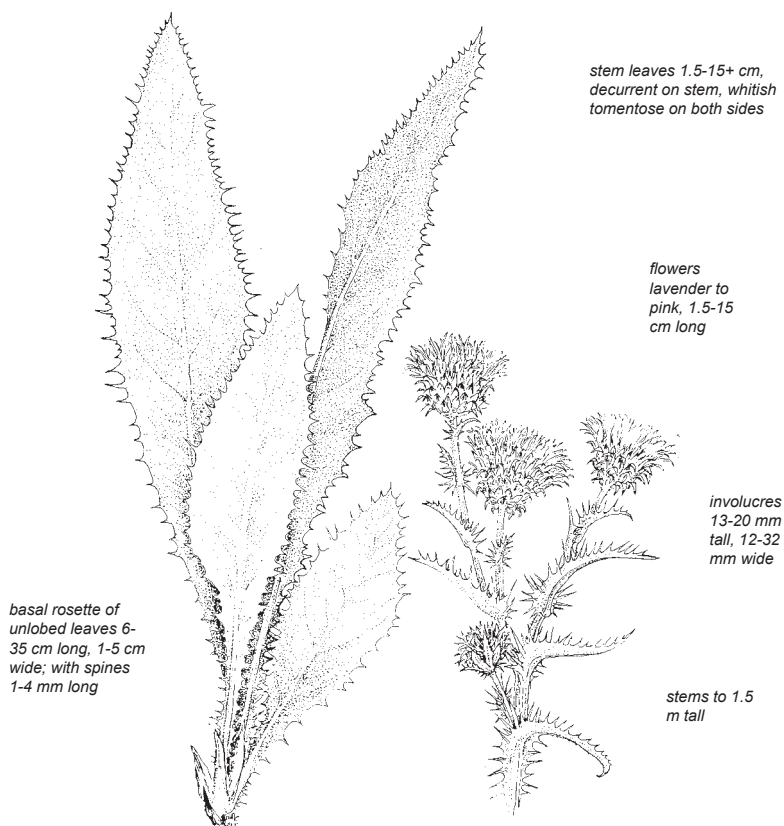


Perennial or annual herb



*Asteraceae (Sunflower Family)*

**Phenology:** flowering May to June; fruiting June to July.

**Management Responsibility:** private.

**Synonym:** *Cirsium virginensis* S. L. Welsh

**Similar Species:** the small heads and long clasping leaf bases easily distinguish this species.

**References:** AGFD, 1998I. Atwood et al, 1991. Welsh et al, 1987. BLM, Virgin Thistle monitoring file.



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*Cirsium virginensis*

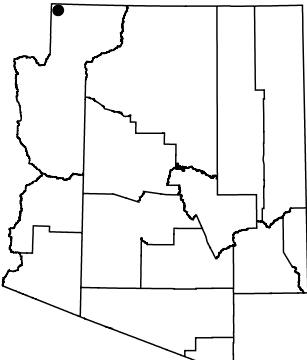


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**Habitat:** hanging gardens, spring terraces and saline seeps, 1,800-3,116 ft (550-950 m) elevation.



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**Range:** along the Virgin River in northwestern Arizona; also found in Washington County, Utah and Clark County, Nevada.