

SLOUGH THISTLE (*CIRSIIUM CRASSICAULE*)

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Description

Slough thistle is an herbaceous plant in the aster family (Asteraceae) that may have an annual or perennial life span. The stems are 3 to 10 feet (1 to 3 m) tall, as much as 4 inches (10 cm) wide at the base, and thinly covered with cobwebby hairs. The long (up to 28 inches or 70 cm), prickly leaves are deeply lobed and also are covered with cobwebby hairs. Slough thistle has numerous flower

heads, each consisting of many narrow, tubular, pinkish-purple or white flowers. It blooms from May to August.

Habitat/Range

This species grows in fresh water along the margin of sloughs, ditches, and streams in San Joaquin, Kings, and Kern counties.

Photo: Not yet available.

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