Cirsium discolor
PASTURE THISTLE   FIELD THISTLE   (Composite Family)

... known because of their spiny leaves and large flower heads of purple ... flowers. Most of our species are biennials, forming a rosette of prickly leaves that overwinter the first year. Field Thistle: Leaves deeply cut, their undersides covered with a white felt. 3-7’ high. (91-213 cm)

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