

Noxious Weed Coloring Book



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Weeds?

A weed is a plant that grows where it is not wanted. In Utah we have a list called Noxious weeds, when they are ignored they spread very quickly and cause big problems.

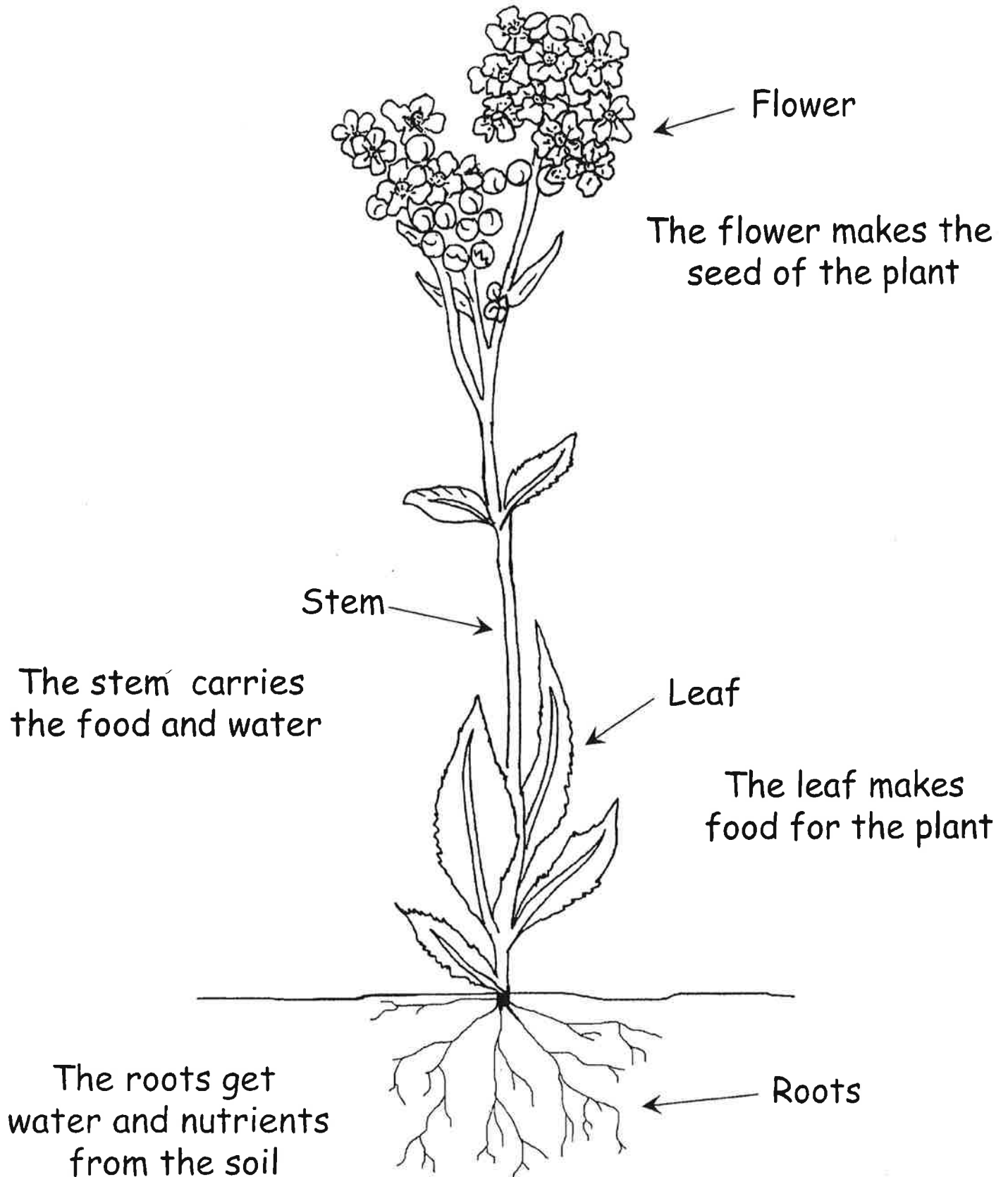
Some of them are poisonous to cattle, wildlife and sometimes humans. Some of them have very sharp stickers and thorns.

Weeds invade our farms and forest lands and force out the good plants that animals and humans need for food or shelter.

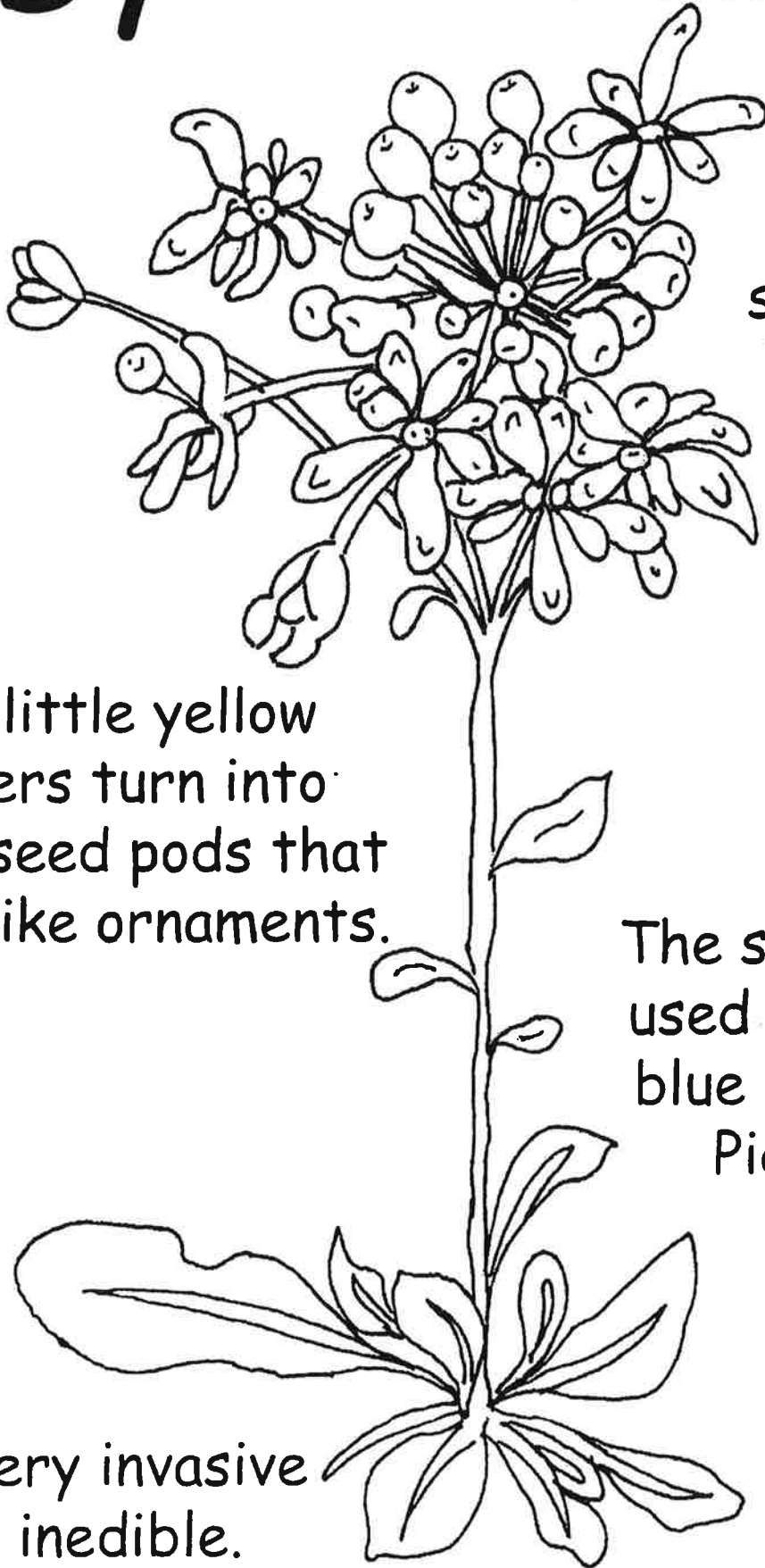
Noxious weeds can make thousands of seeds on every plant and have very deep roots that make them very hard to control.

There is a law in Utah for land owners to take care of the Noxious weeds on their property. We all need to be aware of what weeds can do to our land and how we can get rid of them.

Parts of a Plant



Dyers Woad



This weed stands up to 4 feet tall.

The little yellow flowers turn into black seed pods that hang like ornaments.

The stems were used for making blue dye by the Pioneers.

It is very invasive and inedible.

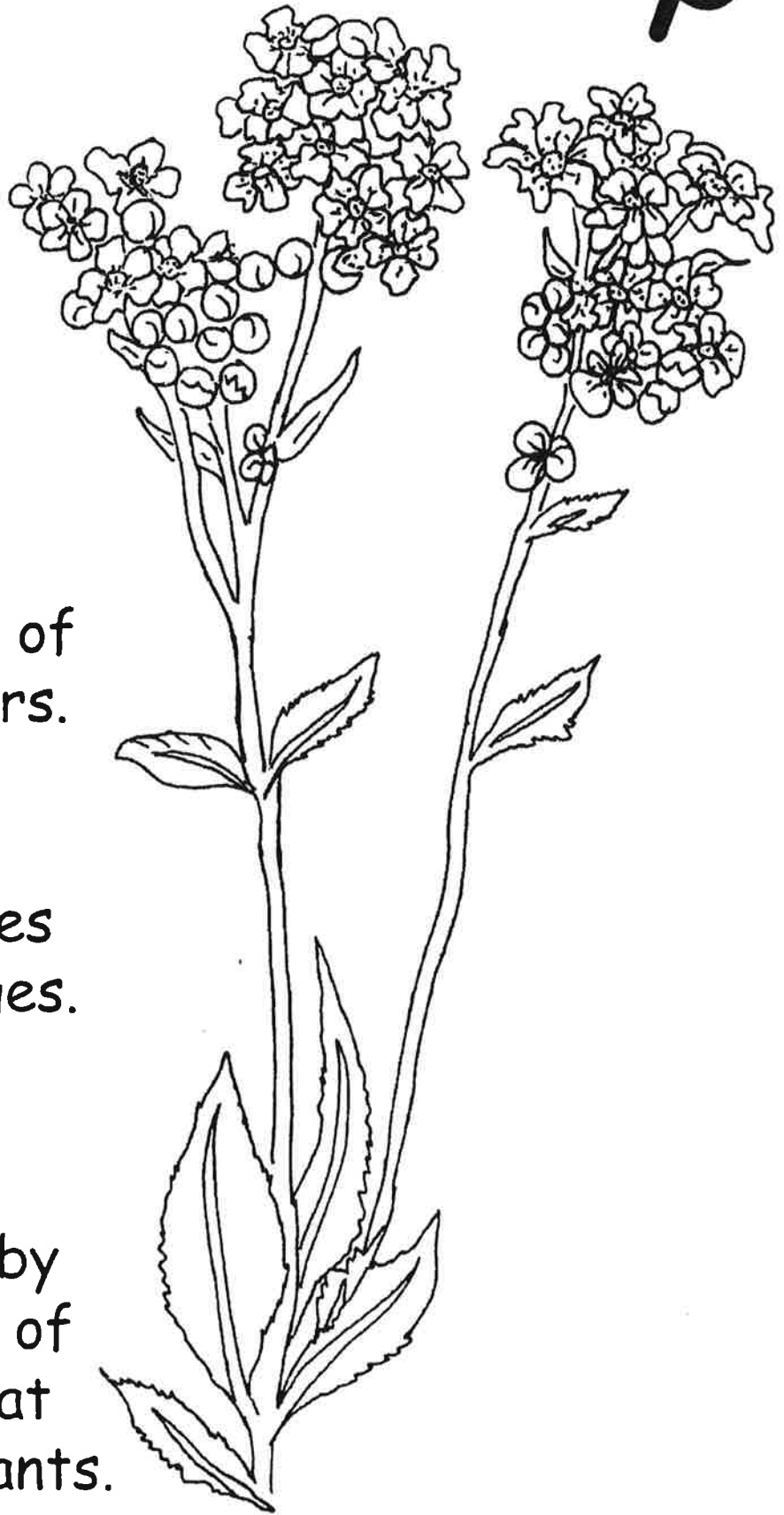
Tall White Top

This 4 to 5 foot tall weed can have roots up to 10 feet deep.

It has hundreds of tiny white flowers.

The green leaves have jagged edges.

It takes over by pulling salt out of the ground that kills the good plants.



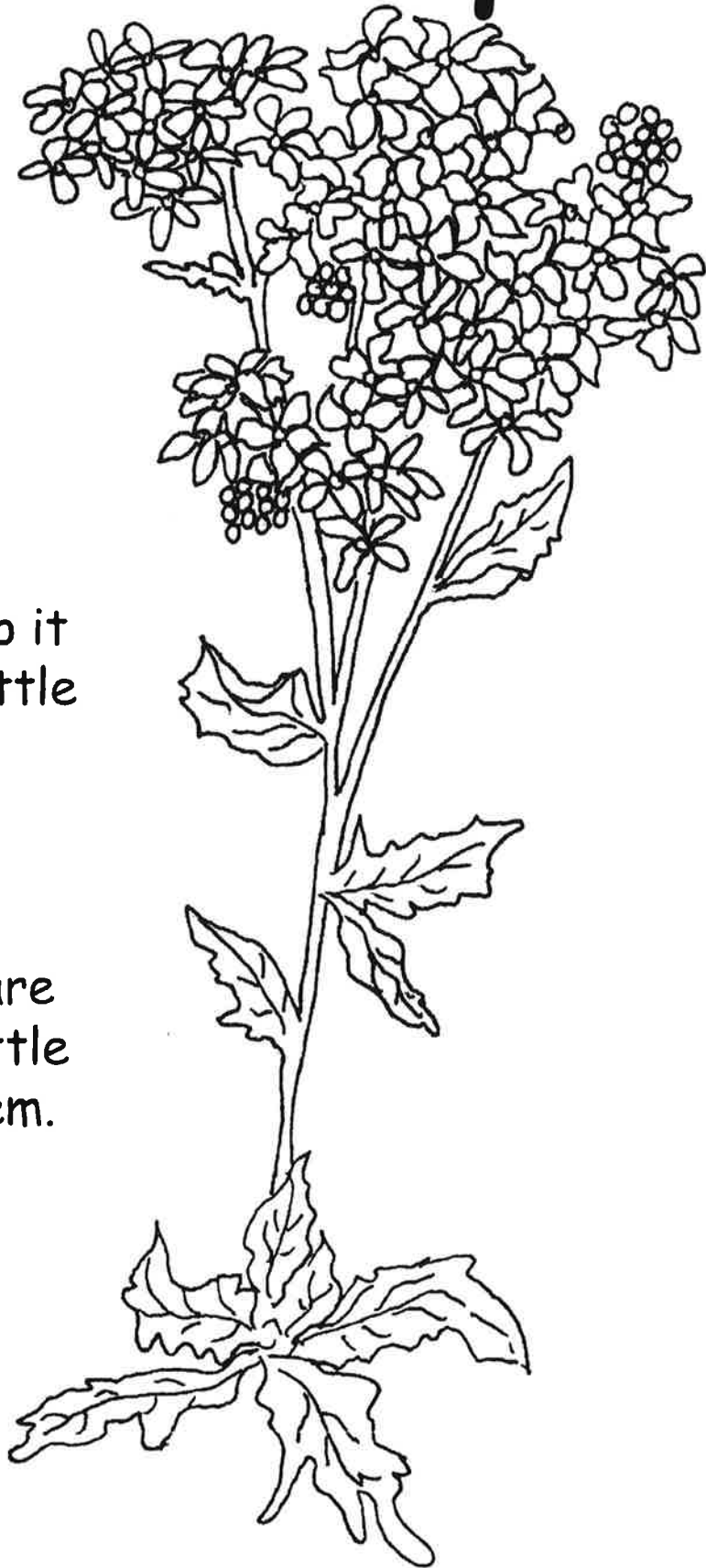
White Top

This weed grows up to 2 feet tall.

Like tall white top it has hundreds of little white flowers.

The curly leaves are dark green with little white hairs on them.

It makes animals sick if they eat it.



Leafy Spurge

This bad weed is
2 to 3 feet tall.

The flowers are lime
green and explode
when they are ripe.

Its long skinny
leaves are blue green.

It has a milky sap
that can cause blindness.



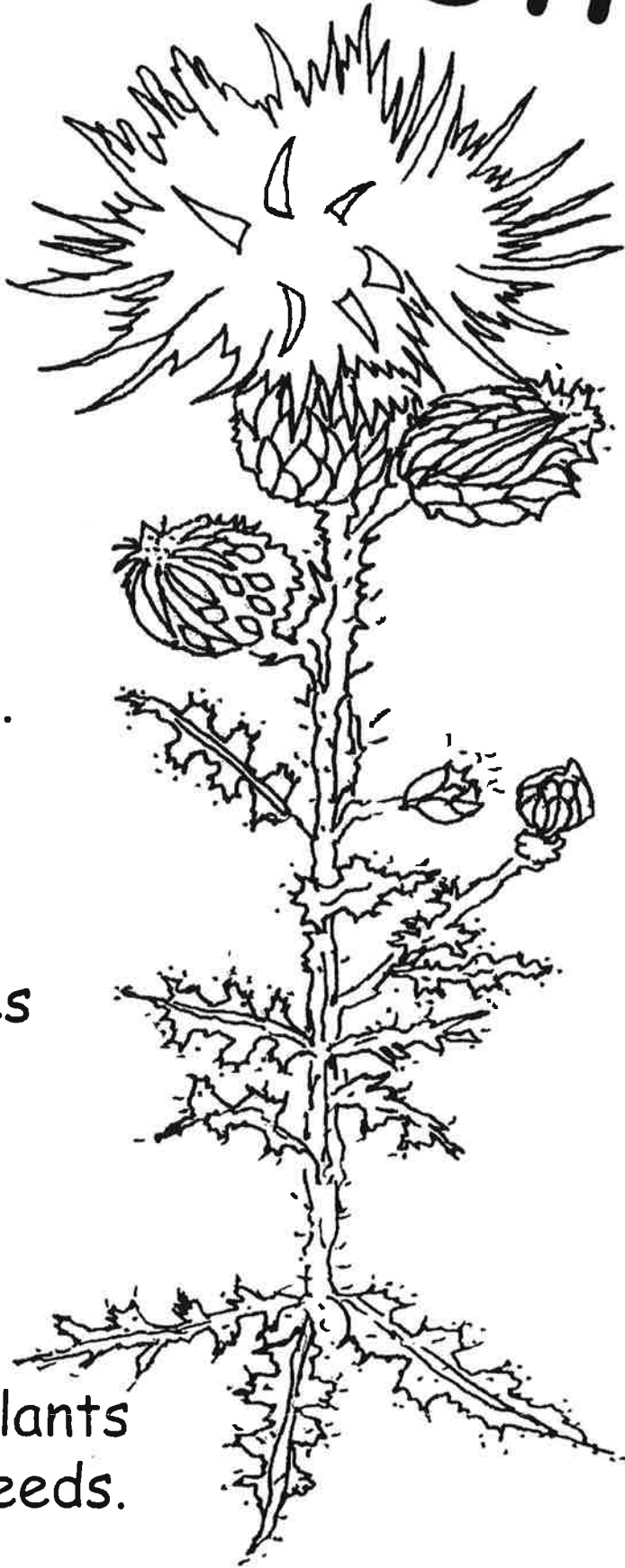
Canada Thistle

It grows 3 to 4 feet tall.

It has small lavender flowers.

Dark green leaves are very spiny.

It can grow new plants from roots and seeds.



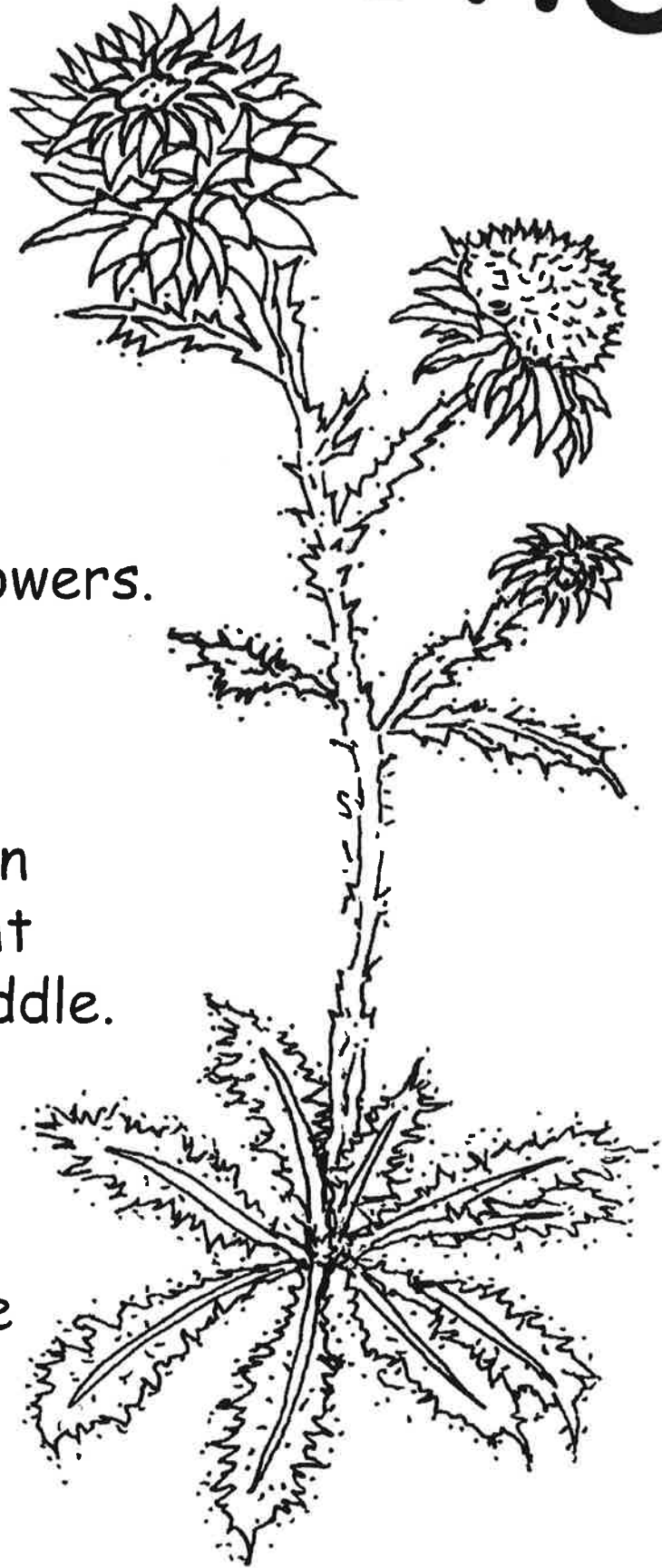
Musk Thistle

This spiny plant
is 4 feet tall.

It has big violet flowers.

It has dark green
leaves with a light
green rib in the middle.

Cattle won't eat the
plant, but they eat
the flowers.



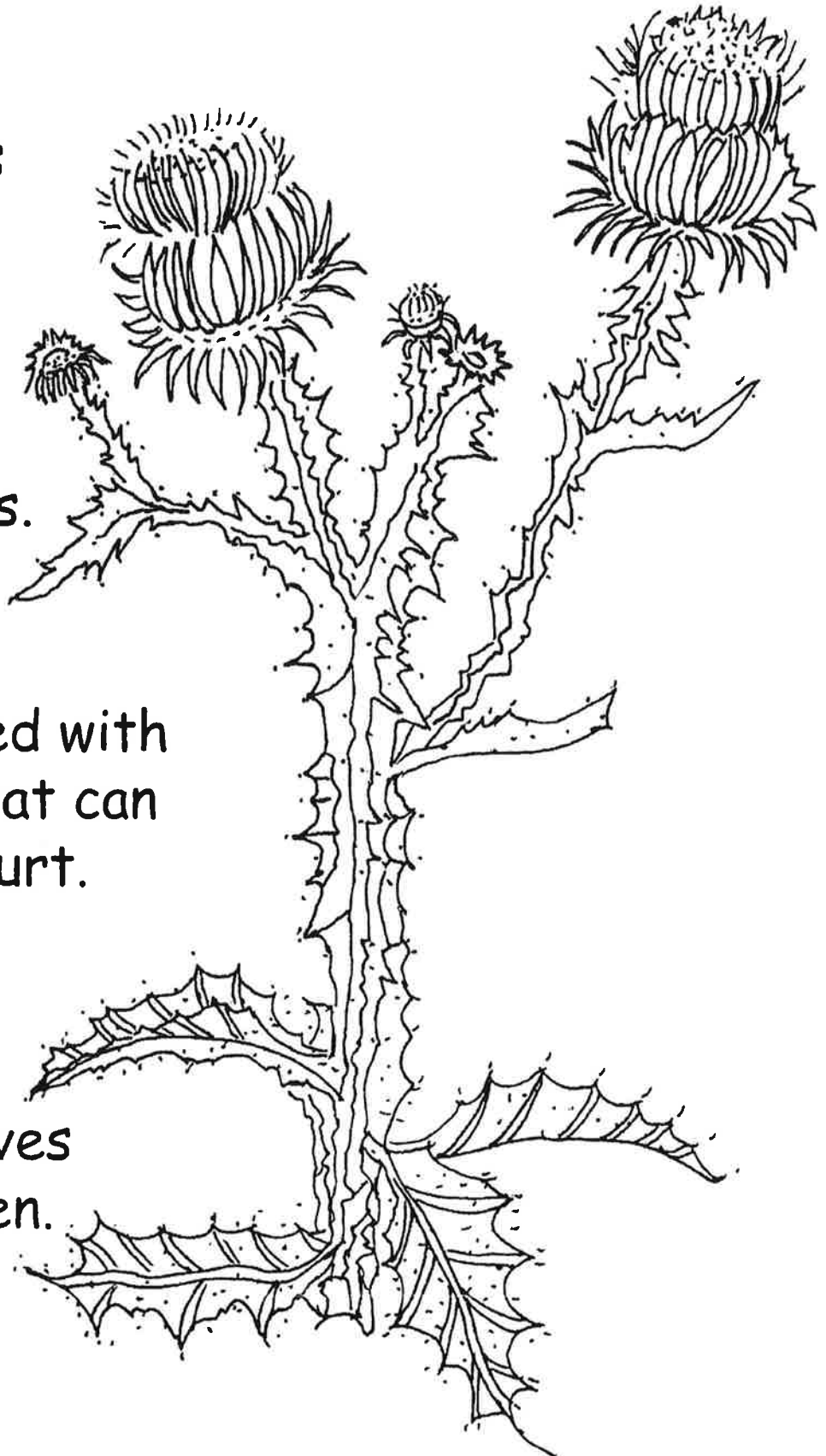
Scotch Thistle

This weed is
8 feet tall.

It has big
purple flowers.

It is covered with
needles that can
really hurt.

The furry leaves
are gray-green.



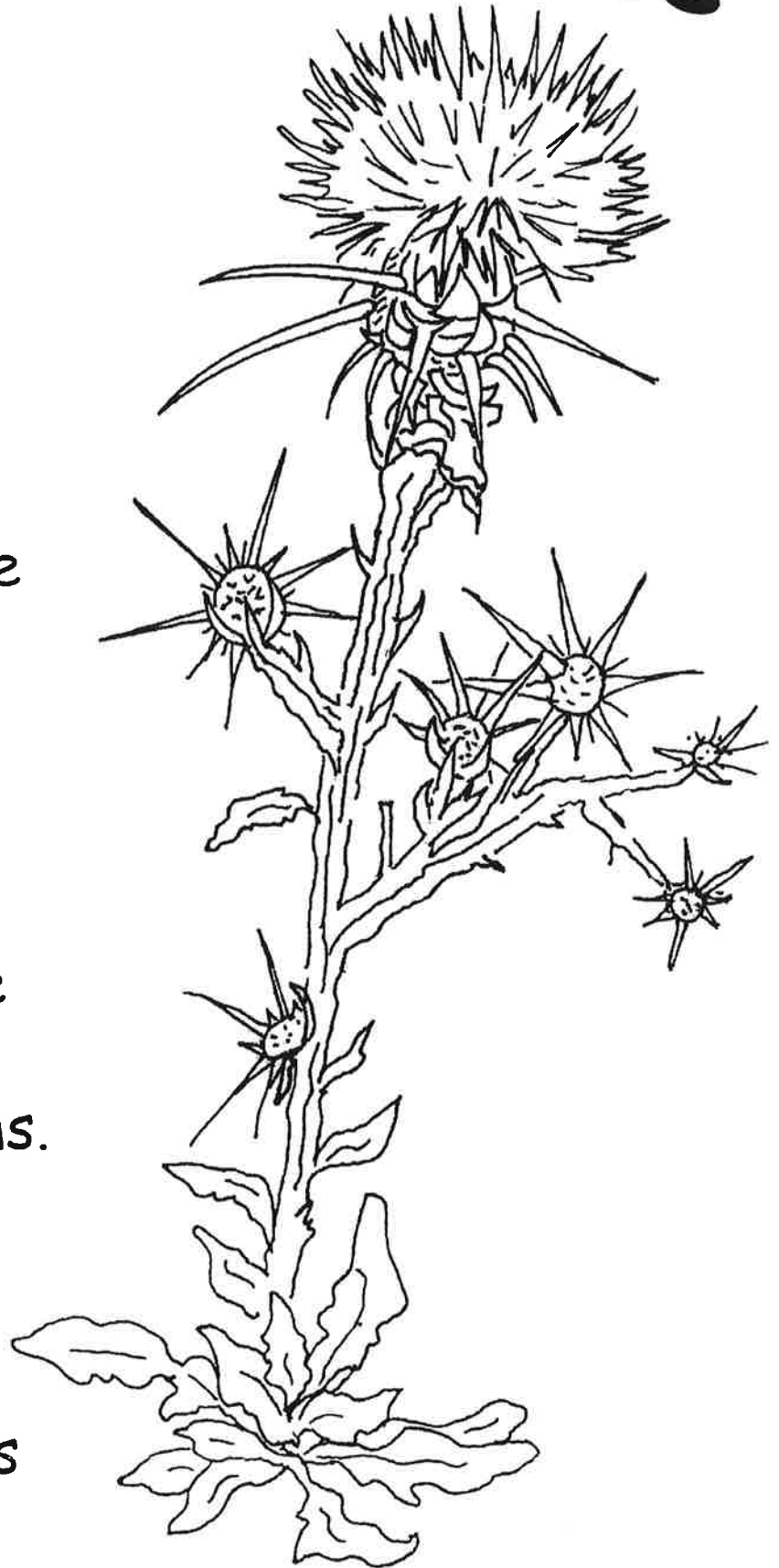
Yellow Star Thistle

It grows as tall as 3 feet.

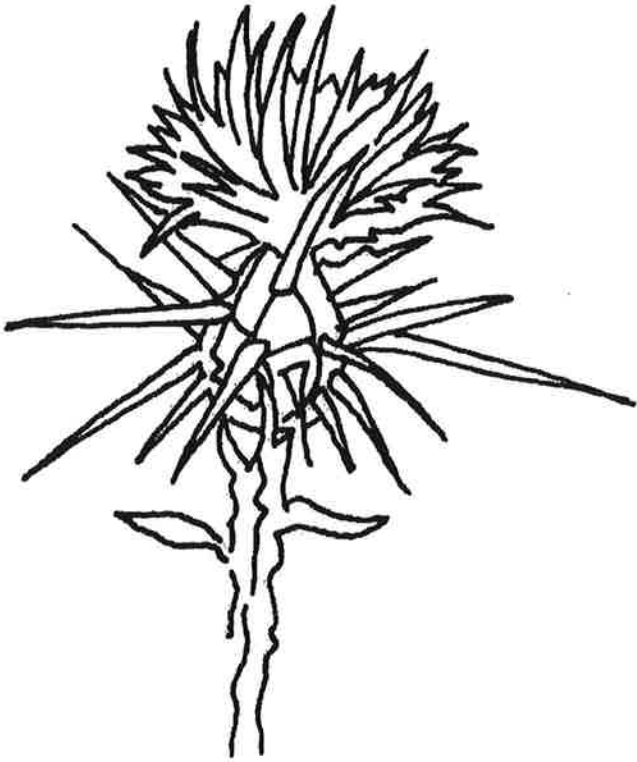
The flowers are yellow with sharp spikes.

The leaves are blue-green with fuzzy stems.

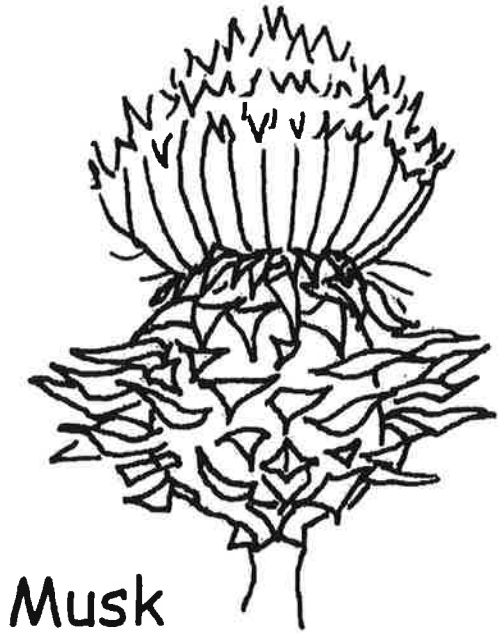
It can kill horses if they eat it.



Thistle Flowers



Yellow Star



Musk



Canada



Scotch

Diffuse Knapweed

This one is
about 2 feet
around.

It has white
flowers with
sharp spines.

It has gray-green
leaves covered
with fine hair.

This tastes very
bitter so animals
avoid eating it.



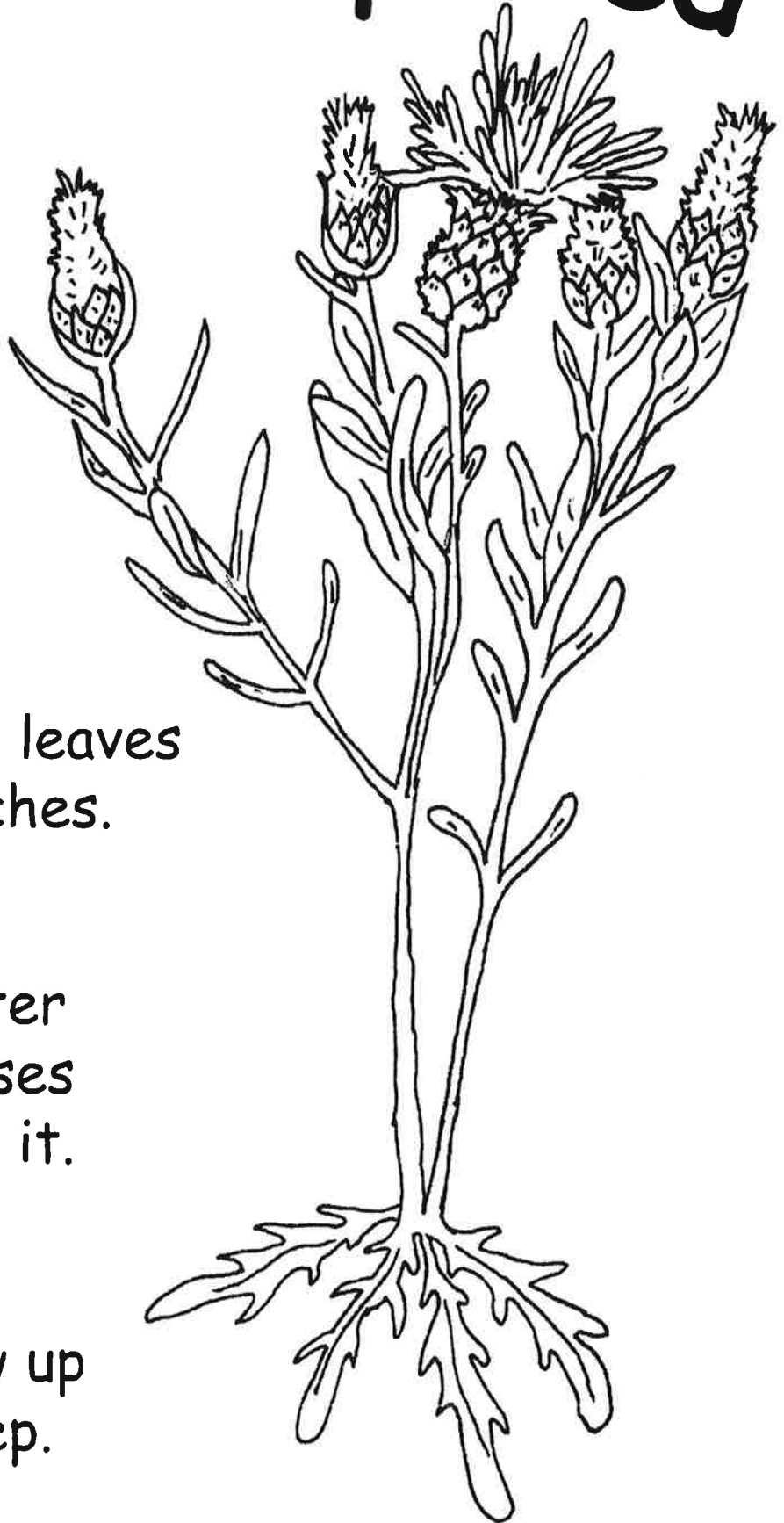
Russian Knapweed

This 2 foot tall weed has small purple flowers.

The gray-green leaves have deep notches.

It is very bitter and hurts horses when they eat it.

The roots grow up to 8 feet deep.

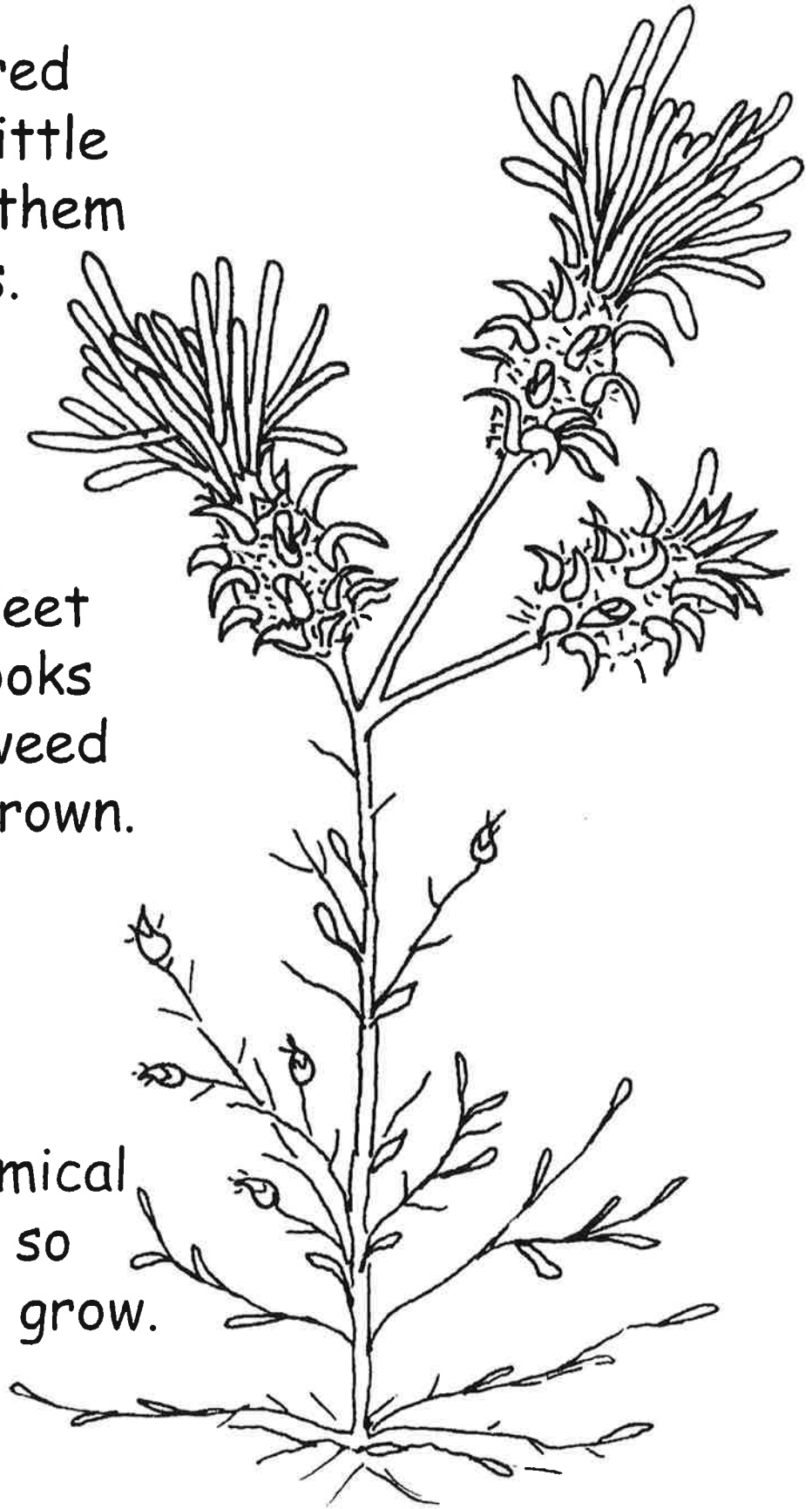


Squarose Knapweed

The rose colored flowers have little hooks to help them stick to things.

It's up to 4 feet around and looks like a tumbleweed when it's full grown.

It sends a chemical into the dirt so nothing else will grow.



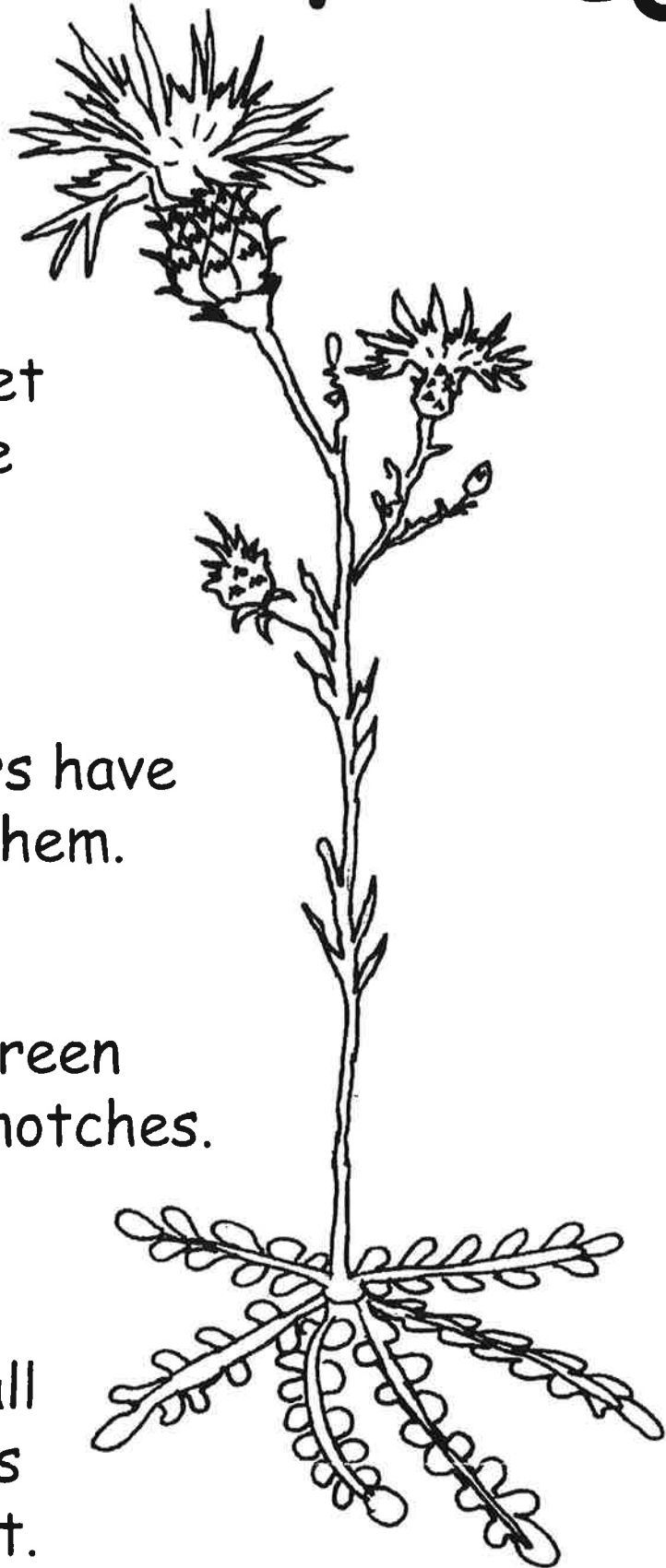
Spotted Knapweed

This plant is 3 feet tall and some are 3 feet around.

The purple flowers have black spots on them.

It has fuzzy green leaves with deep notches.

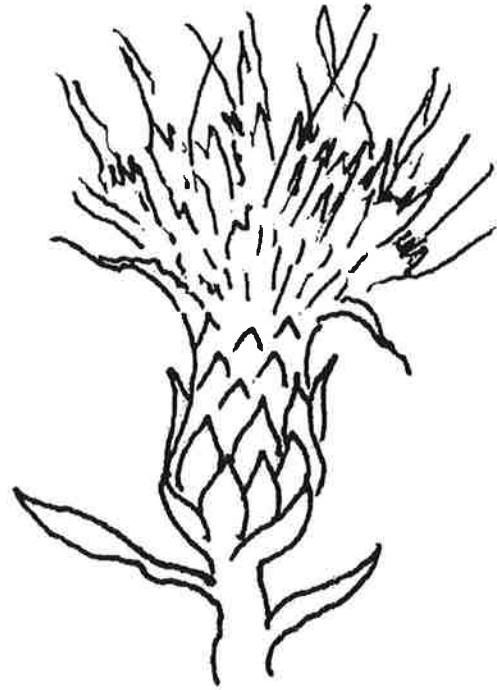
It chokes out all the good plants that animals eat.



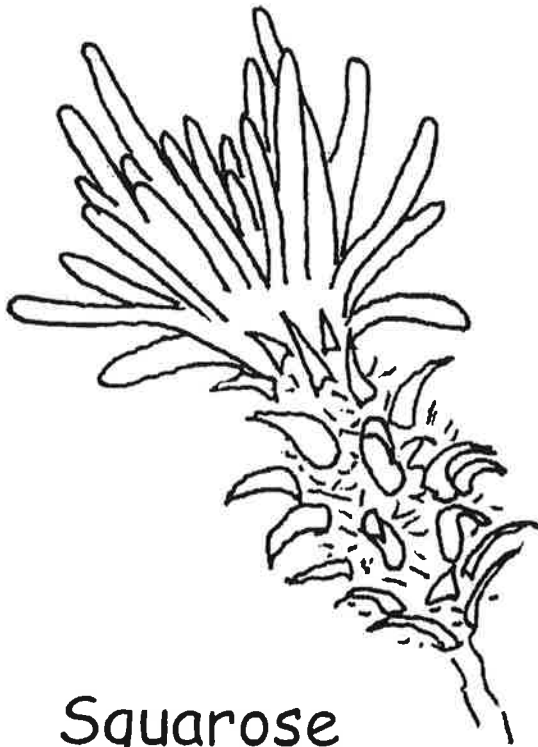
Knapweed Flowers



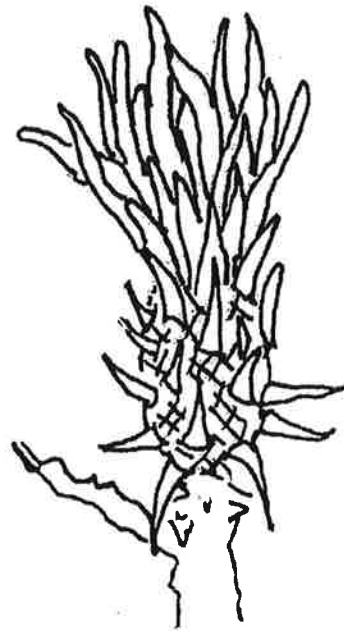
Spotted



Russian



Squarose



Diffuse

Dalmation Toadflax

This weed is 3 feet tall.

It has light green heart-shaped leaves.

It crowds out all of the good feed for animals.



The flowers are bright yellow and orange.



Field Bindweed

This vine grows from seeds and roots.
It has dark green arrowhead shaped leaves.

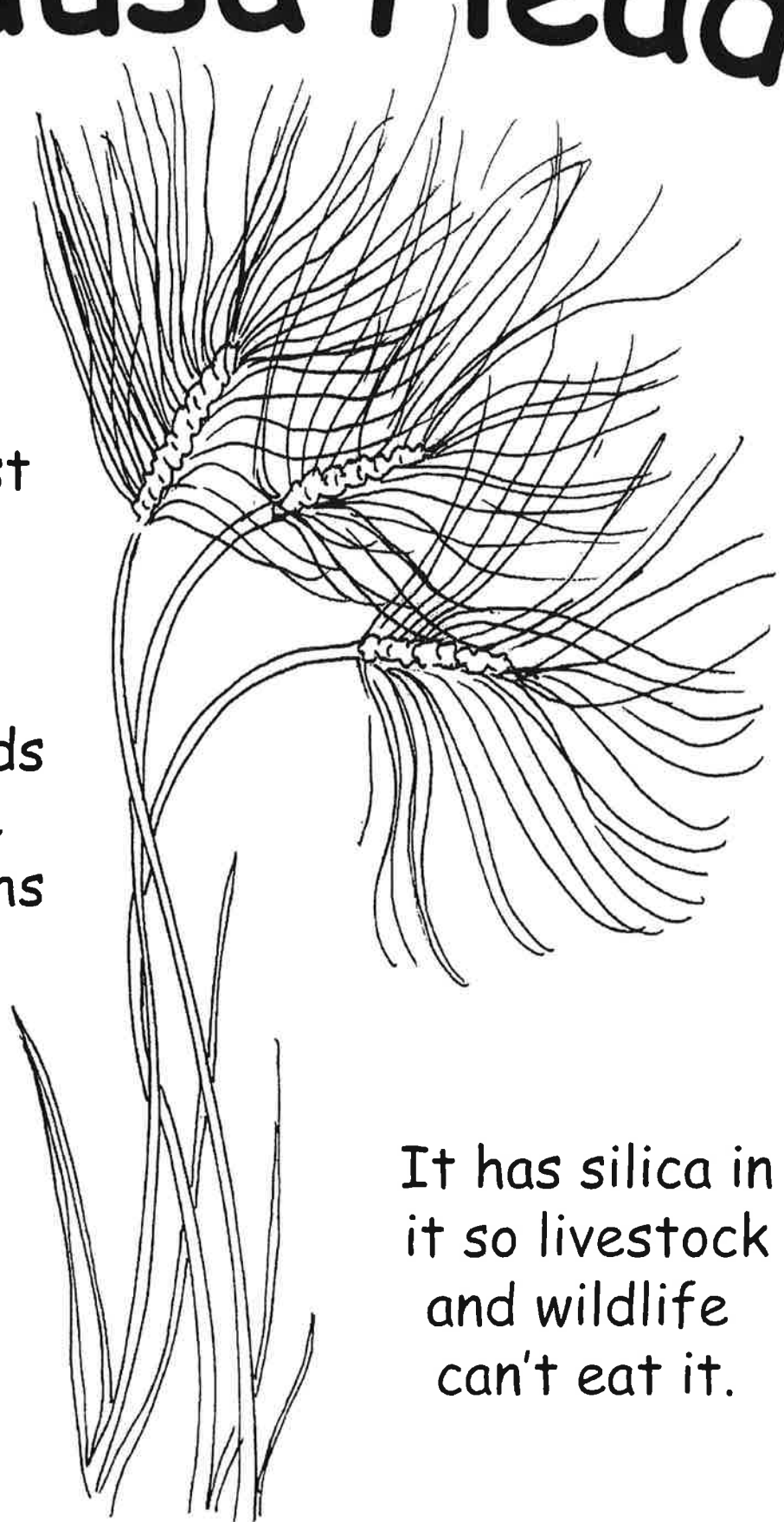


It has white funnel shaped flowers.
The seeds last over 60 years in the ground.

Medusa Head

This skinny grass is almost 2 feet tall.

The sharp seeds can injure the eyes and mouths of livestock.



It has silica in it so livestock and wildlife can't eat it.

Houndstongue

This weed is
2 to 3 feet tall.

It has small
purple flowers
that turn into
prickly little
seed buttons.

The rounded
green leaves can be
up to 12 inches long.

It is poisonous
to cows and horses.

