

- **Life cycle:** Biennial
- **Root:** Taproot
- **Leaves:** Rosette leaves are up to 12 inches long, velvety, lack teeth or lobes. Stem leaves alternate and smaller as move up stem.
- **Stems:** 1 to 4 feet tall with branches near the top.
- **Flower:** Reddish-purple with 5 petals. Clustered at the top of the plant, unrolls like a scorpion tail.
- **Seed/Fruit:** Each flower produces 4 sticky burs, $\frac{1}{3}$ inch long and somewhat flat.
- **Toxic:** Horses, cattle, sheep, goats

Integrated Management Options



For information on biology and management,
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