Cobweb thistle
*Cirsium occidentale* - seed

**Plant Type:** Perennial
**Flower Color:** Mauve
**Flowering Time:** May to July
**Height:** 1.5 feet
**Width:** 1.25 feet
**Exposure:** Sun-light shade
**Water Req.:** Moderate-every 2-3 weeks, depending on weather
**Habitat Value:** Butterflies, bees

**Comments and Maintenance:**
Native to Sonoma County and a beautiful thistle, important for many species of butterflies. Sow seed on ground in fall and cover lightly with potting mix or sow in pots in early summer for fall planting in the garden.

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