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Carduus tenuiflorus

SLENDER THISTLE is an annual or biennial. Native to Europe (including Britain) it has small thistle-like heads of pinkish (occasionally white) flowers.

It is also known as *Cardo* (Spanish), Seaside thistle, Slender-flowered thistle, *Smaltistel* (Swedish), Winged plumeless thistle, and *Ysgallen Flodfain* (Welsh).

Tenuiflorus is made up of Latin *tenuis* (thin, fine, slight, slender) and *-flora* (flowered) components meaning ‘slender flowered’.