



The inflorescence is a spike of heads. Each head is subtended by phyllaries (bracts) that are recurved (arrow).

Each head contains 5 to 10 magenta disk florets (there are no ray florets). Each floret has a 5-lobed corolla



The linear leaves are numerous; alternate and crowded along the stem. Leaf margins are entire.

The plant has a very upright form and can grow from 1 to 4 feet tall.

Fruits are three-sided pubescent achenes, about 3/16 inch long. Each has a tuft of hair (pappus) attached.

