

Carduus tenuiflorus

COMMON NAME

winged thistle

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Carduus tenuiflorus Curtis

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

NVS CODE

CARTEN

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

SIMILAR TAXA

Wings of upper stem 2-3-(10) mm wide between clusters of teeth; capitula sessile in compact terminal and subterminal clusters of 3-8-(12); involucre bracts with midvein raised in upper 1/2.

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple

YEAR NATURALISED

1883

ORIGIN

W. Europe

ETYMOLOGY

carduus: From the Greek word kardos which means thistle.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/carduus-tenuiflorus/>

