## **Cynara scolymus**

**COMMON NAME** Globe artichoke

**FAMILY** Asteraceae

AUTHORITY Cynara scolymus L.

FLORA CATEGORY Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

**CONSERVATION STATUS** Not applicable

**FLOWERING** February, March

FLOWER COLOURS Violet/Purple

FRUITING March

YEAR NATURALISED 1958

ORIGIN Cultivated origin, probably Mediterranean

ETYMOLOGY

**cynara**: From the Greek kyon 'dog', referring to the spines on the involucre suggesting a dog's teeth

**MORE INFORMATION** 

https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cynara-scolymus/





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