

Centaurea calcitrapa

COMMON NAME

star thistle

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Centaurea calcitrapa L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWERING

November, December, January, February, March, April, (May)

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

FRUITING

november, december, january, february, march, april, may

YEAR NATURALISED

1855

ORIGIN

Mediterranean

ETYMOLOGY

centaurea: From the classical name kentaurion (Greek) or centaureum (Latin) in the fables of ancient Greece, which describe the plant healing the foot of Chiron, a centaur famed for his knowledge of medicine and astronomy.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/centaurea-calcitrapa/>



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