

# Centaurea cyanus

## COMMON NAME

cornflower

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Centaurea cyanus* L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## FLOWERING

November, December

## FLOWER COLOURS

Blue

## FRUITING

november, december, january,

## YEAR NATURALISED

1875

## ORIGIN

S.E. Europe, Sicily

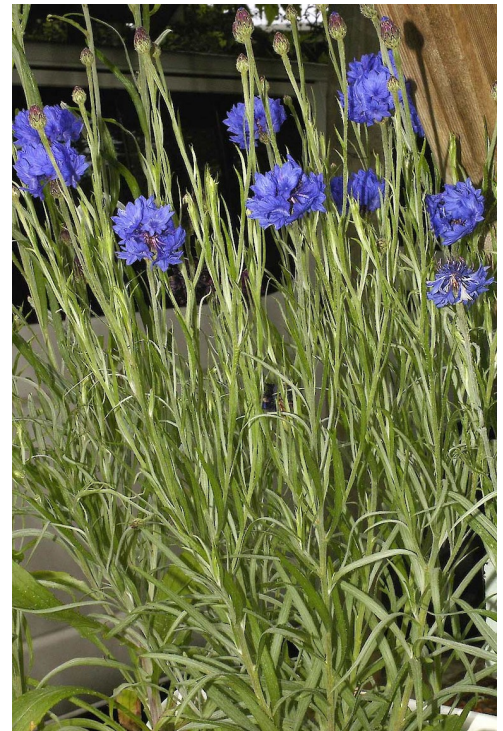
## ETYMOLOGY

**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.

**cyanus:** Dark blue, the Greek name for the cornflower

## MORE INFORMATION

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



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