

Centaurea nigra

COMMON NAME

knapweed

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Centaurea nigra L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

NVS CODE

CENNIG

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

YEAR NATURALISED

1870

ORIGIN

W. and C. Europe

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.

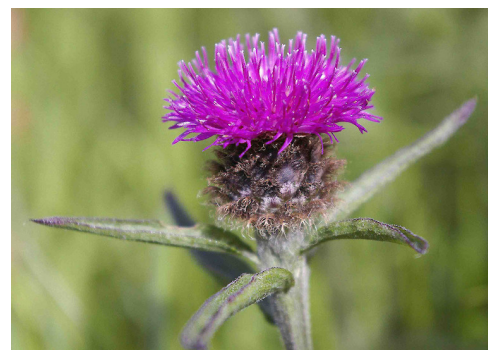
nigra: Black

MORE INFORMATION

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



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