

Centaurea scabiosa

COMMON NAME

greater knapweed

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Centaurea scabiosa L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple

YEAR NATURALISED

1960

ORIGIN

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.

MORE INFORMATION

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

