

Centaurea solstitialis

COMMON NAME

yellow star thistle

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Centaurea solstitialis L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

NVS CODE

CENSOL

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1872

ORIGIN

S. Europe, S.W. Asia

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-solstitialis/>

