

Centranthus macrosiphon

COMMON NAME

Pretty Betsy

FAMILY

Valerianaceae

AUTHORITY

Centranthus macrosiphon Boiss.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWERING

September - December

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

FRUITING

October - January

YEAR NATURALISED

2005

ORIGIN

Europe

ETYMOLOGY

centranthus: From the Greek kentron meaning 'spur' and anthos meaning 'flower'; refers to the flower having a spur-like base

Reason For Introduction

Horticultural

Life Cycle Comments

Annual

Reproduction

Exclusively by seed

Seed

Small, long-lived

Dispersal

Water, animal and gravity

Tolerances

Reasonably cold and drought tolerant

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/centranthus-macrosiphon/>



Centranthus macrosiphon close up of flowers, Wairere Ave, Mt Albert, Auckland.

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Centranthus macrosiphon flowering plant wild in kerbside, Burch Street, Mt Albert, Auckland.

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