

# Dianthus barbatus

## COMMON NAME

Sweet William

## FAMILY

Caryophyllaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Dianthus barbatus* L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

## YEAR NATURALISED

1872

## ORIGIN

Europe, W. Asia

## ETYMOLOGY

**dianthus:** From the Greek dios 'god' or 'divine' and anthos 'flower, the divine flower

**barbatus:** From the Latin 'barbus', meaning bearded or provided with tufts of long weak hairs

## ETYMOLOGY NOTE

One of the common names for *Dianthus barbatus* is 'gilly-flower' which is derived from the Greek name for the family Caryophyllaceae (Clayton, 1994).

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

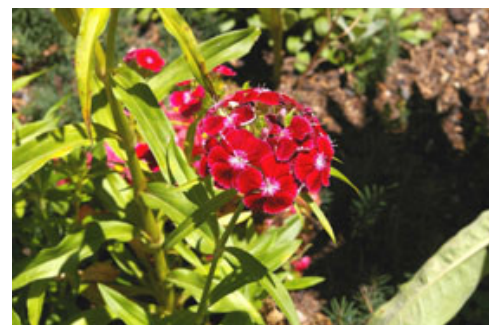
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## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/dianthus-barbatus/>



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