

Echium pininana

COMMON NAME

giant bugloss

FAMILY

Boraginaceae

AUTHORITY

Echium pininana Webb & Berthel.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Blue, Red/Pink

YEAR NATURALISED

1973

ORIGIN

Canary Is

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ETYMOLOGY

echium: Possibly named the Greek echis 'viper', named for the seeds' resemblance to a vipers' head. The plant was believed by the 1st century physician Dioscorides to be a remedy for a viper's bite.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/echium-pininana/>



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