

# Carduus pycnocephalus

## COMMON NAME

slender winged thistle

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

Carduus pycnocephalus L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## NVS CODE

CARPYC

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## SIMILAR TAXA

Wings of upper stem < 2mm wide between clusters of teeth; capitula shortly pedunculate or subsessile, in terminal clusters of 2-3-(5), also solitary, sessile, and axillary on stems; involucral bracts with midvein raised in upper 1/2.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple

## YEAR NATURALISED

1944

## ORIGIN

S. and S.E. Europe, N.W. Africa

## ETYMOLOGY

**carduus:** From the Greek word kardos which means thistle.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/carduus-pycnocephalus/>



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