

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 sessile, in terminal clusters of 2-3-(5), also solitary, sessile, and axillary on stems; involucre 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/>



Wainuiomata River mouth. Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe



Pappus hair. Wainuiomata River mouth.
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