Centaurea cyanus

COMMON NAMES
cornflower

BIOSTATUS
Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS
Not applicable

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

FLOWER COLOURS
Blue

GENUS
Centaurea

FAMILY
Asteraceae

AUTHORITY
Centaurea cyanus L.

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

FLOWERING
November, December

FRUITING
november, december, january,

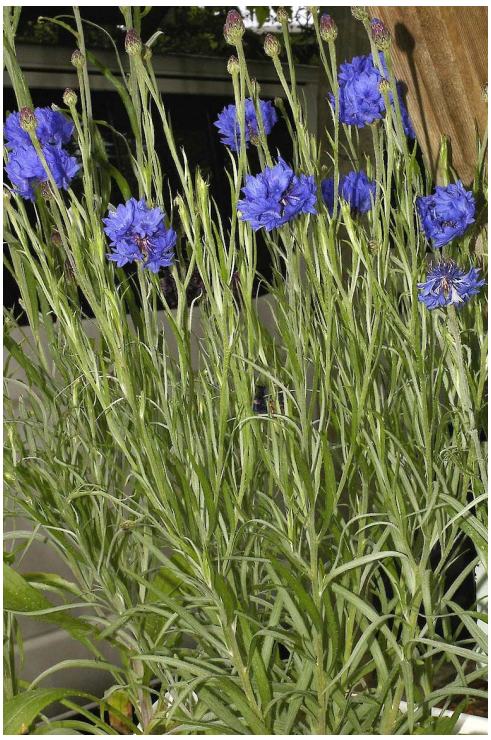
YEAR NATURALISED
1875

ORIGIN
S.E. Europe, Sicily

ETYMOLOGY
centaurea: From the classical name kentaurion (Greek) or centaureum (Latin) in the fables of ancient Greece, which describe the plant healing the foot of Chiron, a centaur famed for his knowledge of medicine and astronomy.
cyanus: Dark blue, the Greek name for the cornflower

MORE INFORMATION
https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/centaurea-cyanus/

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