

Centaurea cyanus

COMMON NAME

Cornflower

FAMILY

Asteraceae

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Dicotyledonous Herbs - Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not assessed

FLOWERING

November, December

FLOWER COLOURS

Blue

FRUITING

november, december, january,

YEAR NATURALISED

1875

ORIGIN

S.E. Europe, Sicily

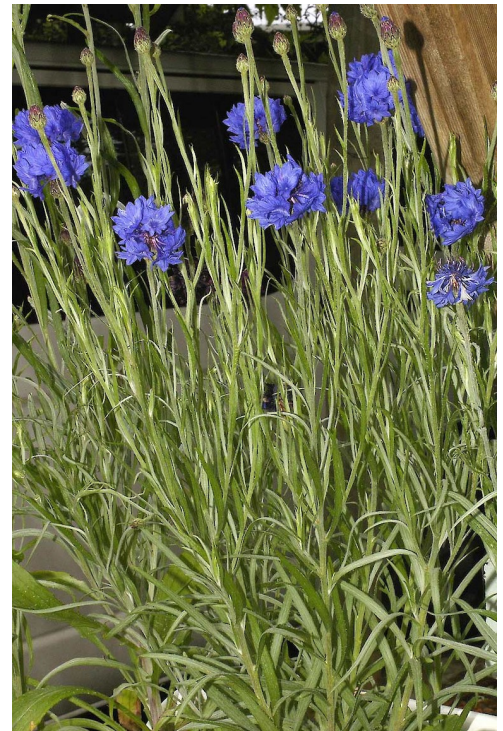
ETYMOLOGY

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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