

Centaurea maculosa

COMMON NAMES

spotted knapweed

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

GENUS

Centaurea

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Centaurea maculosa Lam.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

November, December

FRUITING

november, december, january,

YEAR NATURALISED

1946

ORIGIN

S.C. Europe

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.

maculosa: From Latin 'macula' blotch, meaning full of blotches or mottled

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/centaurea-maculosa/>

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