

# Centaurea nigra

## COMMON NAMES

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 nigra L.

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1870

## ORIGIN

W. and 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.

**nigra:** Black

## NVS CODE

CENNIG

## MORE INFORMATION

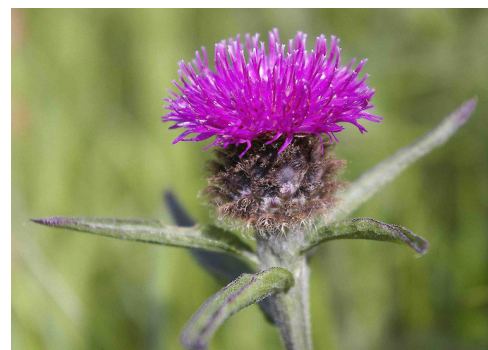
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