

# Centranthus macrosiphon

## COMMON NAMES

Pretty Betsy

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

## GENUS

Centranthus

## FAMILY

Valerianaceae

## AUTHORITY

Centranthus macrosiphon Boiss.

## FLOWERING

September - December

## FRUITING

October - January

## YEAR NATURALISED

2005

## ORIGIN

Europe

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Horticultural

## TOLERANCES

Reasonably cold and drought tolerant

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Annual. Reproduces exclusively by seed. Small, long-lived seeds are dispersed by water, animal and gravity.

## ETYMOLOGY

**centranthus**: From the Greek kentron meaning 'spur' and anthos meaning 'flower'; refers to the flower having a spur-like base

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/centranthus-macrosiphon/>

## PDF DATE

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Centranthus macrosiphon close up of flowers, Wairere Ave, Mt Albert, Auckland.  
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Centranthus macrosiphon flowering plant wild in kerbside, Burch Street, Mt Albert, Auckland.  
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