

Cynara scolymus

COMMON NAMES

Globe artichoke

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple

GENUS

Cynara

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Cynara scolymus L.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

February, March

FRUITING

March

YEAR NATURALISED

1958

ORIGIN

Cultivated origin, probably Mediterranean

ETYMOLOGY

cynara: From the Greek kyon 'dog', referring to the spines on the involucre suggesting a dog's teeth

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cynara-scolymus/>

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