

# Echium pininana

## COMMON NAMES

giant bugloss

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Blue, Red/Pink

## GENUS

Echium

## FAMILY

Boraginaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Echium pininana* Webb & Berthel.

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1973

## ORIGIN

Canary Is

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

## ETYMOLOGY

**echium:** Possibly named the Greek echis 'viper', named for the seeds' resemblance to a vipers' head. The plant was believed by the 1st century physician Dioscorides to be a remedy for a viper's bite.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/echium-pininana/>

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