

# Onopordum acanthium

## COMMON NAMES

cotton thistle

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

## SIMILAR TAXA

Leaves grey-green, covered with dense, white, felted tomentum; involucral bracts green, linear-subulate, 2-3 mm wide at base, with dense felted tomentum; corolla 20-24 mm long.

## GENUS

Onopordum

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

Onopordum acanthium L.

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1880

## ORIGIN

Europe, W. and C. Asia

## NVS CODE

ONOACA

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/onopordum-acanthium/>

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