

Zinnia violacea

COMMON NAMES

zinnia

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

DISTRIBUTION

Exotic. Recorded wild at least once (2013) in Hamilton, North Island, New Zealand. Indigenous to South American.

HABITAT

Ruderal - collected in wasteland within a derelict property

GENUS

Zinnia

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Zinnia violacea Cav.

SYNONYMS

Zinnia elegans Jacq.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

2013

ORIGIN

South America

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental - an annual, bedding plant, which is widely grown through New Zealand

TOLERANCES

Cold intolerant

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Annual. Seed is dispersed by gravity, water and by humans who deliberately cultivate it

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Raised from seed. An annual, often grown for colour as a bedding plant

ETYMOLOGY

zinnia: After Johan Gotfried Zinn (1727 – 1759), German botanist and anatomist.

violacea: Violet coloured



MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/zinnia-violacea/>

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