Eryngium amethystinum

BIOSTATUS
Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS
Not applicable

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS
Green, Violet/Purple

GENUS
Eryngium

FAMILY
Apiaceae

AUTHORITY
Eryngium amethystinum L.

ENDEMIC GENUS
No

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

ETYMOLOGY
eryngium: From the Greek eryngion, a type of spiny-leaved thistle resembling sea holly
amethystinum: From the Greek amethusto ‘amethyst’. The name of this violet semi-precious gemstone literally means ‘not drunk’ as it was believed to prevent drunkenness. In botany, the colour amethyst is a lighter version of violet.

MORE INFORMATION
https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/eryngium-amethystinum/

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