

# Zinnia violacea

## COMMON NAME

zinnia

## SYNONYMS

*Zinnia elegans* Jacq.

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Zinnia violacea* Cav.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## 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

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

## LIFE CYCLE

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

## YEAR NATURALISED

2013

## ORIGIN

South America

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

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

## TOLERANCES

Cold intolerant

## 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/>

