PLANT FACT SHEET

Centaurea nigra L.

GENUS *Centaurea* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

COMMON NAMES Black knapweed, Lesser Knapweed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

The flower petals are used in salads.

DESCRIPTION

An erect and branching plant that keeps growing from year to year. It grows 1 m high and spreads 50 cm wide. It is hairy and rough to touch. The leaves at the base form a ring and are sword shaped. They have stalks and are usually undivided. The leaves on the stems do not have stalks and are undivided but may have teeth at the base. The flower heads are purple. They have dark brown or black bracts around them. There are comb like sections which cover the base of these bracts.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. It will grows in most soils and under most conditions. It is resistant to drought and frost. Hobart Botanical Gardens. Tasmania Herbarium.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

NOTES

There are 400 to 600 Centaurea species.

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