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Centaurea

Compositae

[*Asteraceae*]

Centaurea is derived from the name of a plant in Greek mythology (*kentaurion* or *centaureum*) in which Chiron, one of the half-man half-horse centaurs (*kentauros*), is said to have used knapweed (species from this genus) to heal a wound on his foot.
All the knapweed species are avoided by cattle.