

## Black Knapweed



**Black Knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*) can be identified by a spherical black/brown flower head, topped with an purple, pink or white flower. Flowering occurs from June to September.**

**Black Knapweed is a grassland perennial of low to moderately fertile soils. Habitats include meadows, pastures, road verges, field borders, waste grounds and woodland edges.**

**It is a favourite of our pollinating insects, being a source of good quality nectar. As well as supporting bees, butterflies and beetles its seeds provide food for many birds. Fertiliser is not necessary and in autumn cut the faded flowerheads down to the ground.**

**Sowing Time: Spring**

