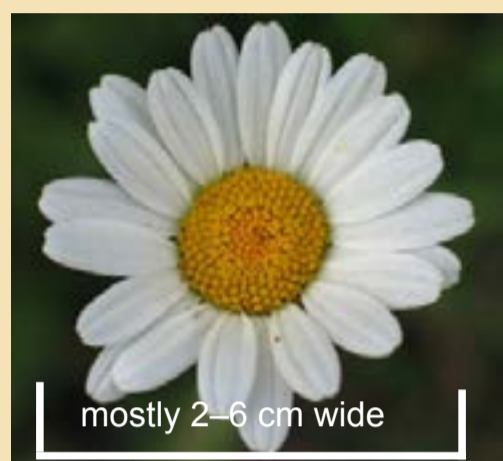


Biosecurity alert

Ox-eye daisy

(*Leucanthemum vulgare*)



petals 10–35, white, 1–2 cm long



overlapping rows of green bracts with brownish margins

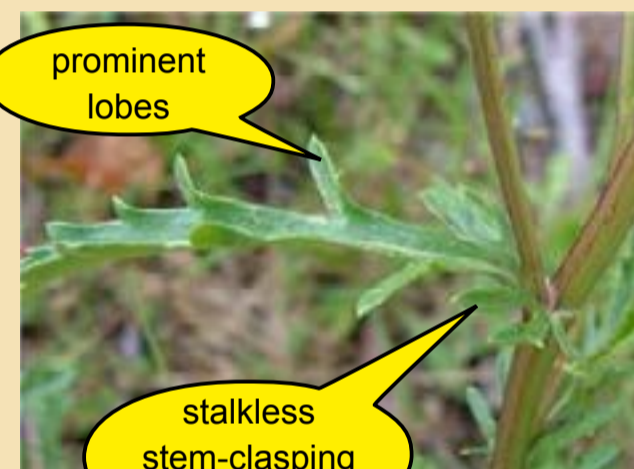


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sparsely branched stems

upper stem leaves are alternately arranged on the stem and are smaller and narrower than rosette leaves, irregularly toothed or lobed margins.



prominent lobes

stalkless stem-clasping leaves

Photos courtesy Environmental Weeds of Australia app and NSW NPWS

Highly invasive of intact native vegetation and pasture

Distinguishing features

- An upright and long-lived herbaceous plant, usually 30 – 60 cm tall, from Europe and Asia.
- Its leaves are alternately arranged along the stems but form a basal rosette during the early stages of growth.
- The rosette leaves are stalked and have slightly toothed to lobed margins, while the upper stem leaves are smaller, narrower and usually stalkless with irregularly toothed or lobed margins.
- Flower-heads (2 – 6 cm across) are like a typical 'daisy' with numerous white 'petals' and a yellow centre.
- The flower-heads give rise to numerous small ribbed 'seeds' about 2.5 mm long.
- Confused with: a) shasta daisy (*Leucanthemum X superbum*) which generally has unbranched stems, flowers in heads 5 – 8 cm wide and regularly toothed leaves. Ox-eye daisy has irregularly toothed or lobed leaves; b) Large-headed daisy (*Brachyscome diversifolia*) has similar flowers and leaves but leaves have a tapering base where it attaches to the stem.

What to do if you see it

Take a close-up photograph of the plant and a grid reference or GPS point (note datum) or draw a map, recording the nearest access point, trail, walking track or creek.

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