

## Oxeye daisy

### *Leucanthemum vulgare*

#### Description

Introduced to North America as an ornamental in the 1800s. Carries several crop diseases.

#### Habit

Erect; perennial; 8-24 in tall forb usually with unbranched stems.

#### Leaves

Alternate, lower leaves up to 5 in long, lobed or toothed, stalked; upper fewer, smaller and becoming stalkless.

#### Stems

Hairless; angled or furrowed; one plant can have up to 40 stems.

#### Flowers

1-2 in across, mostly naked flower stalk on main stem, sometimes branching from leaf axils near the top, 15-35 white petals golden yellow button shaped disc in the center; up to 3/4 inch across.

#### Fruits and Seeds





Seed pod, cylindrical, dry, 10 ribs and no fluffy pappus, can produce up to 200 seeds.

### **Habitat**

Native to Europe. Found in disturbed sites, fields, pastures.

### **Reproduction**

By seed.

### **Similar**

Shasta daisy (*Leucanthemum xsuperbum*); Stinking chamomile (*Anthemis cotula*); Corn chamomile (*Anthemis arvensis*).

### **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

Hand-pulling for small infestations.

### **Credits**

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