

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.

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