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PLANT PROFILE

Mexican fleabane

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Species description

Scientific name:

Erigeron karvinskianus

Native to:

Central America (Mexico)

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Interesting facts

Potential impacts:

Mexican fleabane can grow into large clumps scrambling over and excluding other plants.



Habitat:

Grows on walls, wasteland, in cracks in paving and on pavements, and in rocky areas such as cliffs.



A semi-evergreen herbaceous perennial, that self-seeds freely from gardens. Can spread to 1m wide and 0.5m high. Introduced to Britain in 1856, first recorded as widely distributed in 1891.

How it spreads:

Seeds are dispersed by wind.



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Key identification features



Branches remain over winter, sometimes leaves remain in milder areas.

Yellow-centred, daisy-like flower-heads up to 15mm wide, which open white and turn pinkish-purple, during the summer.



Wiry branching stems bearing narrow, hairy grey-green leaves.



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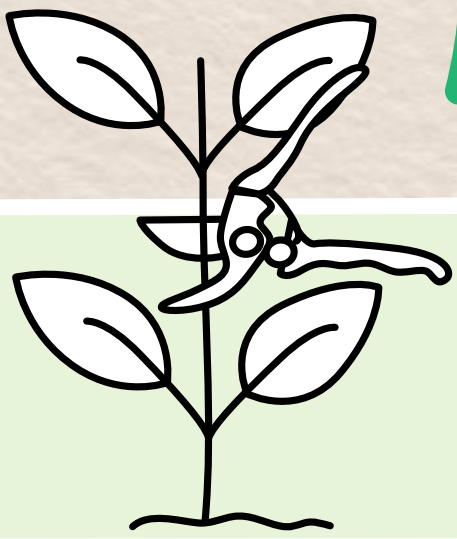
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Take action

Help **stop** the **spread!**

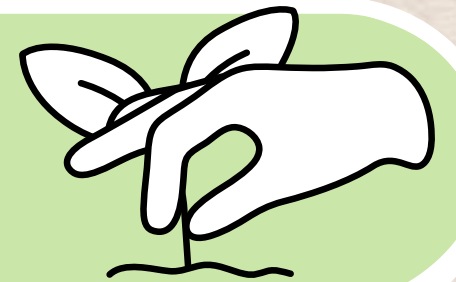


Cut back after flowers have faded to prevent seeds from spreading.

Remove by digging out individual plant, taking care to remove the roots.



Remove seedlings by hand-pulling or digging.



Compost at home or place in council garden waste facilities.

Explore our tips for alternative plant ideas.



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Handy tips

Legislation

Not currently listed in legislation as an invasive species.

Similar species:

Not to be confused with Common chamomile (*Chamaemelum nobile*)

Common chamomile

Alternative plant ideas

Native

Heather (*Calluna vulgaris*)

Bugle (*Ajuga reptans*)

Meadow crane's-bill
(*Geranium pratense*)

Non-native

Striped bloody crane's-bill
(*Geranium sanguineum*)

Heather

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