



daisy fleabane

Erigeron annuus

Kingdom: Plantae
Division/Phylum: Anthophyta
Class:
Order:
Family:

FEATURES

Daisy fleabane, also called white top, is a perennial plant that grows from fibrous roots and stolons. The upright, branched stems are usually hairy and may grow to three feet tall. The leaves are arranged alternately along the stem. The lower leaves are generally oval shaped, toothed and up to three inches long. The upper leaves are lance-shaped, lack teeth and are much smaller than the lower leaves. Many flowers are arranged in a head, with several flower heads in clusters at the stem tip. Petals are either ray-like and white or short, tubular and yellow. Fruits are hairy achenes with a tuft of silky hairs at the top.

BEHAVIORS

Daisy fleabane may be found statewide in Illinois. This common plant grows in woods, fields and roadsides. Daisy fleabane flowers from June to October.

HABITATS

- bottomland forests
- coniferous forest
- southern Illinois lowlands
- upland deciduous forest

ILLINOIS STATUS

- common
- endangered
- threatened
- native
- exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

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