

Erigeron karvinskianus

Daisy fleabane

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Family: Asteraceae

Description: Creeping, branching, perennial herb. Leaves alternate, narrow, 1.5 inches long by 0.4 inches wide, often lobed, smooth or slightly hairy. Flower heads solitary, 0.75 inches diameter, on long stems, ray petals white turning to pink or lilac, disks yellow. Seed an achene, 1 mm long. Name from Greek *eri*, early (flowering), and *geron*, old man, because of hairy members of this genus^(59, 70); *karvinskianus*, reference unclear.

Distribution: Native to Central and South America. Naturalized in wetter forests of Kōkeʻe, Kauaʻi, and on Oʻahu, Maui, and Hawaiʻi. Cultivated in Hawaiʻi by 1911⁽⁷⁰⁾.

Environmental impact: Forms mats on forest floors, smothering low-growing natives.



Management: Sensitive to hormone-type herbicides 2,4-D, dicamba, and triclopyr and to soil-applied hexazinone and tebuthiuron.