

Erigeron bonariensis

COMMON NAME

wavy-leaved fleabane

SYNONYMS

Conyza bonariensis (L.) Cronquist

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Erigeron bonariensis L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

NVS CODE

CONBON

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

1.2 m annual herb, hairy stems and leaves, the narrow leaves usually twisted and with wavy or undulate margins. The flower heads (capitula) are larger than in *E. sumatrensis*.

SIMILAR TAXA

Erigeron bonariensis is easily distinguished from the other common weedy *Erigeron* spp. by its narrow leaves, usually twisted and with wavy or undulate margins and by its larger flower heads (capitula). *E. bilbaoanus* has its bracts around each capitulum (the involucre bracts) much less hairy than those of *E. bonariensis* and *E. sumatrensis*, the latter two being distinguished most readily by the twisted vs flat leaves.

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, White

YEAR NATURALISED

1883

ORIGIN

Temperate S. America

ETYMOLOGY

erigeron: From the Greek eri 'early' (or ear 'spring') and geron 'old', possibly alluding to the hairy seed pappus, or perhaps to the hoary appearance of the leaves of some species in the spring.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/erigeron-bonariensis/>



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