

# Erigeron bonariensis

## COMMON NAMES

wavy-leaved fleabane

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## SIMPLIFIED 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*.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green, White

## 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.

## GENUS

Erigeron

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Erigeron bonariensis* L.

## SYNONYMS

*Conyza bonariensis* (L.) Cronquist

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## 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.

## NVS CODE

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

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