

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. bonariensis* and *E. sumatrensis*.

SIMILAR TAXA

E. 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 involucral 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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