

# Erigeron karvinskianus

## COMMON NAMES

Mexican daisy

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

Erigeron karvinskianus DC.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## NVS CODE

ERIKAR

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial. Intact and disturbed bush, shrubland, tussockland, fernland, herbfield, bare land, streamsides, cliffs and bluffs, inshore and offshore islands, gumlands, consolidated sand dunes, most coastal areas, riverbeds, epiphyte niches.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Sprawling perennial daisy to 40 cm tall. Roots fibrous. **Stems** long, thin, sparsely hairy to hairless, much-branching, rooting, sprawling, 15–70 cm long. **Leaves** small, narrow (upper leaves usually 3-lobed), fragrant when crushed. **Flowers** daisy-like, white, white-purplish or pink, central disc yellow to brownish-yellow. Fluffy seeds in profusion.

## SIMILAR TAXA

*Bellis perennis* (daisy) has nearly identical flowers, but wider leaves in a basal rosette.

## FLOWERING

September–May.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

## LIFE CYCLE

Perennial. Reproduces by seed and occasionally layering in damp sites. Flowers produce masses of fluffy seeds. Spreads mainly by windblown seeds. Other dispersal methods include roadside mowers, machinery, gravel and water actions.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1940

## ORIGIN

Mexico

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

## TOLERANCES

Tolerates moderate shade to full sun, damp to drought, high to low temperature and almost any surface.



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## 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.

## NATIONAL PEST PLANT ACCORD SPECIES

**This plant is listed in the 2020 National Pest Plant Accord.** The National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) is an agreement to prevent the sale and/or distribution of specified pest plants where either formal or casual horticultural trade is the most significant way of spreading the plant in New Zealand. For up to date information and an electronic copy of the 2020 Pest Plant Accord manual (including plant information and images) visit the [MPI website](#).

## ENVIRONMENTAL WEED (2024)

**This plant is named in a list of 386 environmental weeds in New Zealand 2024 prepared by DOC.** 759 candidate species were considered for inclusion on this new comprehensive list of environmental weeds in New Zealand. The species considered were drawn from published lists of weed species, lists of plants that must be reported or managed by law if observed, existing national and regional programmes and agreements for pest management, and species already managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC). Candidate species were then assessed to see if they were fully naturalised and whether they have more than minor impacts in natural ecosystems. Read the full report [here](#).

## MORE INFORMATION

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

## PDF DATE

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