

# Biosecurity alert

## Ox-eye daisy *Leucanthemum vulgare*

Report all sightings of ox-eye daisy. It is a threat to the ACT's biodiversity.

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mostly 2–6 cm wide

petals 10–35, white, 1–1.5 cm long, entire to toothed at the tip



bracts



rosette leaves are stalked and have slightly toothed to lobed margins



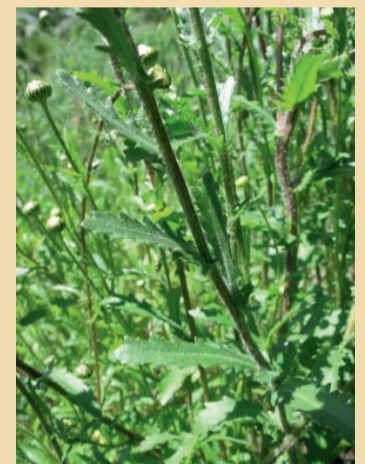
stems 30–60cm

sparsely branched stems

Photos courtesy Environmental Weeds of Australia app and NSW NPWS.



upper stem leaves are alternately arranged on the stem and smaller, narrower than rosette leaves, and usually stalkless with toothed margins.



### Distinguishing features

An upright and long-lived herbaceous plant with sparsely branched stems usually growing 30–60 cm tall. Its leaves are alternately arranged along the stems, but form a basal rosette during the early stages of growth. The rosette leaves are stalked and have slightly toothed to lobed margins, while the upper stem leaves are smaller, narrower, and usually stalkless with toothed margins.

Its flower-heads (2–6 cm across) are like a typical 'daisy' with numerous white 'petals' and a yellow centre. These flower-heads give rise to numerous small ribbed 'seeds' (about 2.5 mm long).

Confused with: shasta daisy, *Leucanthemum X superbum* which generally has unbranched stems, flowers in heads 5–8 cm wide and regularly toothed leaves. *Leucanthemum vulgare* has irregularly toothed or lobed leaves.

### What to do if you see them

- Do not pick or disturb plants.
- Report all sightings to [InvasiveWeeds@act.gov.au](mailto:InvasiveWeeds@act.gov.au) or phone: 13 22 81
- Your accurate information is vital to guide ACT Parks and Conservation Service staff to the site to destroy the plants.
- Mark the site with flagging tape or other colourful material placed close to the plants.
- Take a close-up photograph of the plants.
- Take a grid reference or GPS point (note datum). Draw a map, recording the nearest access point, trail, walking track or creek.