

Mexican daisy (*Erigeron karvinskianus*)



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Mexican daisy is a sprawling perennial herb up to 40 cm tall that has escaped from domestic gardens to invade forest margins, stream sides, banks and shrub-land.

The most characteristic features of this plant are the lawn daisy-like flowers which are often pink tinged. The stems are long, thin and much branched and the leaves are small, narrow and fragrant when crushed. The plant flowers all year round in northern parts of the country.

The plant spreads in a mat, rooting at each node. The large numbers of seeds produced by Mexican daisy are dispersed by wind and water, but the plants are also spread in discarded garden rubbish.

Small infestations should be hand-pulled or preferably dug out and disposed of carefully. Infestations can be sprayed with herbicide.

Contact your Regional Council for advice on control methods.