

# ***OXEYE DAISY***

Chrysanthemum leucanthemum

***AKA White weed, Great ox-eye, Field daisy, Moon daisy, Maudlin daisy, White daisy, Horse gowan, Grande Marguerite, Goldens.***



**Description:** This is the common roadside daisy being one of our toughest perennial wildflowers. Has daisy like flowers that have white rays and a yellow disk. Unlike the shasta daisy, oxeye will bloom all summer long. Blooms second and successive years from expanding clumps.

**Natural Habitat:** fields, roadsides

**Size:** 1 -2 feet

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Light:** sun to partial shade

**Planting and Care:** Plant in almost any soil in spring, summer or fall. This species competes well with grasses, and will tolerate dry or moist conditions. Can dominate a meadow. Easy to grow.

**Ornamental Value:** Showy flower

**Landscape Usage:** excellent plant for xeric gardens

**Commercial/Traditional Uses:** Tonic, diuretic, and antispasmodic. Used as a tonic and has been found serviceable in whooping-cough, asthma, and nervous excitability. When used locally it may stain the skin. Externally, it has been used as an application to wounds, ulcers, scald-head, and some other diseases. Said to destroy or drive away fleas.

**Wildlife Benefits:** attractive to bees, butterflies, and birds.