

Oxeye daisy

Leucanthemum vulgare

SOMEWHAT INVASIVE – established in the region

Invasive habitat: grows in partial shade to full sun; prefers disturbed soils such as in fields and along roadsides

Native range: Europe



Common in the Arrowhead



IDENTIFICATION



Growth form: herbaceous perennial that grows 1-3' and smells like sage. It probably came as a garden plant and escaped.



Flowers: flowers have 15-35 white petals (ray flowers) with a central yellow disc. The grow 2" wide and bloom June-August.



Leaves: leaves are alternate and deeply lobed and grow to be 5" long by 3/4" wide.



Seeds: each flower head produces up to 200 seeds that are tufted for wind dispersal. The plants also spread via rhizomes.

CONTROL



Manual: repeated pulling is effective but any root fragment left behind will re-sprout.



Chemical: Tordon 22K, Oust, Weedmaster, Mileston, Transline, and Opensight are effective prior to flowering.



Prescribed fire: burning may be effective.



Cultural: manage roadsides and do not include Oxeye daisy in gardens. Minimize disturbance to soils.



Mechanical: mowing may reduce seed production but stimulate shoot production.