

Oxeye daisy

Leucanthemum vulgare



What to look for

It has long, zigzag-edged leaves

White flowers with a yellow, moon-shaped centre

It looks like a very large daisy!

Where found

Grassland, hedgerows, meadows and roadsides

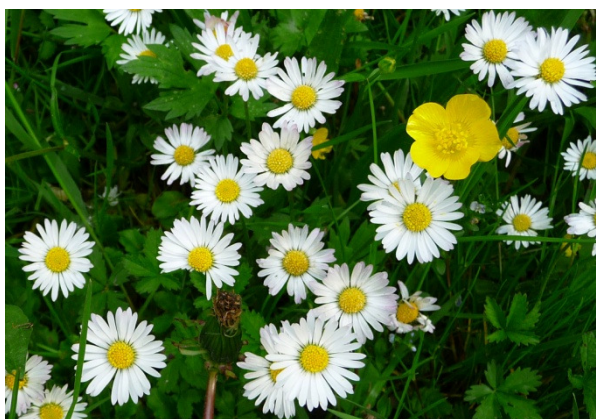


When to look

First flowers in May-June

Not to be confused with

Common or lawn daisy (*Bellis perennis*)



Did you know?

Other names include dog daisy and moon daisy

The French game 'effeuiller la marguerite' (he loves me, he loves me not) originated with the oxeye daisy

In Wales during the Middle Ages, oxeye daisies were used to treat madness, smallpox and tumours

Also known as marguerite after the French princess who adopted it as her official emblem

Early Christians dedicated the oxeye daisy to Mary Magdalen, when it became known as the Maudlin Daisy

Despite having a bitter taste, young leaves of the ox-eye daisy are eaten in salads in parts of Italy

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