

# Erigeron bilbaoanus

## COMMON NAME

fleabane

## SYNONYMS

*Conyza bilbaoana* J.Rémy; *C. canadensis* (hence common name of Canadian fleabane)

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Erigeron bilbaoanus* (Remy) Cabrera

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## NVS CODE

CONBIL

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The plant has hairy leaves and a branched hairy stem to 1.5 m tall. It has numerous dingy cream heads 1.5–2.5 mm diameter, the heads usually with purple tinge when mature. The involucral bracts surrounding each head (capitulum) are less hairy than in the similar (and usually more common) *E. sumatrensis*.

## SIMILAR TAXA

*E. bonariensis* is easily distinguished from the other common weedy *Erigeron* spp. by its narrow leaves, usually twisted and with wavy or undulate margins and by its larger flower heads (capitula). *E. bilbaoanus* has its bracts around each capitulum (the involucral bracts) much less hairy than those of *E. bonariensis* and *E. sumatrensis*, the latter two being distinguished most readily by the twisted vs flat leaves.

## FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

## YEAR NATURALISED

1855

## ORIGIN

S.America

## ETYMOLOGY

**erigeron:** From the Greek eri 'early' (or ear 'spring') and geron 'old', possibly alluding to the hairy seed pappus, or perhaps to the hoary appearance of the leaves of some species in the spring.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/erigeron-bilbaoanus/>



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