

Erigeron decumbens

Asteraceae
Pacific fleabane,
Willamette Valley daisy



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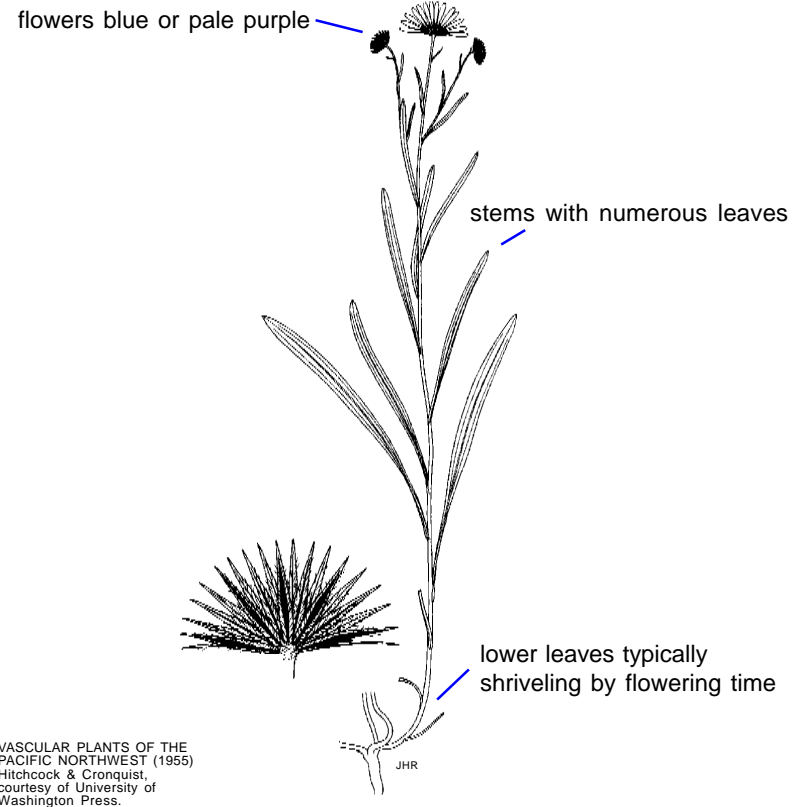


Gerald D. Carr



Phillip Hays

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Perennial herbs from a taproot or branched caudex. **Stems** erect or decumbent only at base, 15-70 cm long, straw-colored to reddish at base, sparsely appressed-pubescent leaves with 3 nerves. **Basal leaves** often withered before anthesis, linear to very narrowly oblanceolate, the longest 5-12(25) cm long, 3-4(9) mm wide; flowering stems bearing 1-5(20) heads. **Mid-stem leaves** mostly linear, 3-9 cm long, 2-4(8) mm wide; all leaves sparsely to moderately pilo-hirtellous with patent or ascending hairs. **Inflorescence** of involucre broadly hemispheric to rotate, 99-12 mm dia (pressed); phyllaries 34-47, subequal, linear, length mostly 4-8(10) times width, the longest (4.3)5-6 mm long, often with an orange nerve, sparsely to moderately villous, not glandular; ray florets (20)35-50(57). **Ray florets** blue or pale purple, rays 7-12 mm long, 1-1.5 mm wide. **Disc florets** ca. 200, corollas yellow, 3-3.5 mm long. **Achenes** tan with orange ribs, 1.2-1.6 mm long, sparsely strigillose; pappus of 12-16 whitish, very fragile bristles ca. 3 mm long plus 8-10+ fine setae ca. 0.1 mm long.

Lookalikes

Aster spp.

Differs from featured plant by

blue-flowered species in western Oregon typically are taller and more-branched

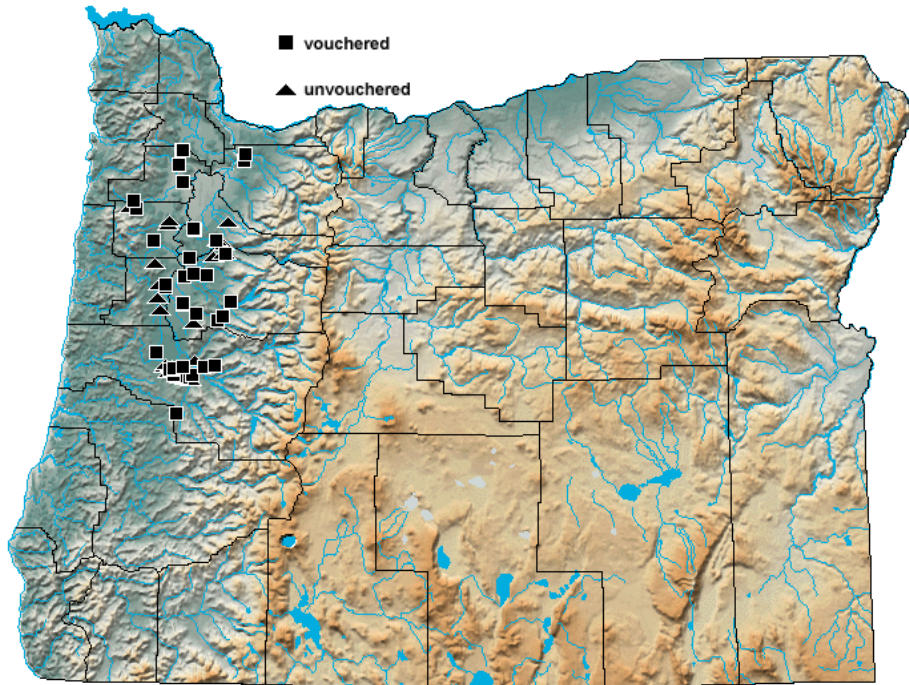
Erigeron eatonii..... persistent tuft of basal leaves, stouter stems (Eaton's shaggy daisy)

Erigeron decumbens Nutt.

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PLANTS symbol: ERDED

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Distribution: Endemic to the Willamette Valley.

Habitat: Native wetland and upland prairie, oak savanna, heavier soils, restricted to native prairie grassland.

Elevation: 100-1100(2100) feet

Best survey time(in flower): May-early August

Associated species:

Symphyotrichum hallii (Hall's aster)

Festuca rubra (red fescue)

Danthonia californica (California oatgrass)

Deschampsia cespitosa (tufted hairgrass)

Fragaria virginiana (wild strawberry)

Toxicodendron diversilobum (poison oak)



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