



Weed of The Week

Daisy Fleabane (*Erigeron annuus*)

Often referred to as a wildflower, this week's weed of the week features Eastern Daisy Fleabane. Fleabane is an annual herb that can be found growing in low disturbed crop fields, wood line, and pastures. Native to the eastern half of the United States, this plant can be found growing throughout Ohio. Fleabane will germinate in early Spring and produce a flower during late April and early May. Producing a small round yellowish white flower, this weed stands out among other annual weeds growing. Stems and leaves are covered in small hair. Fleabane will reach heights of 1-2' tall. The name fleabane come from a theory that placing the dried flower head in your home would rid the home of fleas. Other benefits of this plant include being a very important habitat species for pollinators early in the pollinating season. Fleabane is easily controlled by cultivation, hand pulling, and chemical control. Herbicides such as glyphosate, 2-4-D, and Gluphosinate work very well.

