PLANT FACT SHEET

Erigeron acer L.

GENUS *Erigeron* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

COMMON NAMES Blue Fleabane

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A densely hairy grey green herb. It can grow for one or two years. The stems are erect. The leaves near the base are narrow or oval and may or may not have teeth. They have stalks. The upper leaves are not stalked and are sword shaped. The flower heads are 10-15 mm across. The rays are purple or lilac. The disk is yellow. They are in panicles which are often flat at the top. The rays are in 2 rows scarcely longer than the disk florets.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It grows in dry grassy habitats.

NOTES

There are about 200 Erigeron species. They are temperate plants.

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