

# Scentless Chamomile

## Category 2: Eradicate

Limited distribution. High priority for reporting and eradication.

*Matricaria perforata*

**Family:** Asteraceae (Sunflower).

**Other Scientific Names:** *Matricaria maritima* var. *agrestis*; *Matricaria maritima* var. *inodora*.

**Other Common Names:** Scentless mayweed; mayweed, false-chamomile, wild chamomile, German chamomile, Baldr's Brow.

**Origin:** Eurasia and North Africa.

**Growth Form/Reproduction:** Annual, biennial, sometimes perennial. Seeds.

**Identification:** Single white daisy-like flowers with yellow centers at the end of each stem. Numerous bracts of the flower head are arranged in overlapping rows. Basal leaves disappear by flowering time. Stem leaves are alternate, usually smooth, and divided into thread-like segments. Leaves are odourless when crushed.

**Legal Status Central Kootenay:** WCA (P), FRPA, CCA.

**Habitat:** Adapted to a wide range of moist soil conditions from low- to mid-elevations in open or partial shade. Disturbed sites, roadsides, pastures, utility rights-of-way, drainage ditches, forest landings, and skid-trails.

**Status and Distribution:** Limited distribution in the Central Kootenay at Edgewood, Giveout Creek, Burton, and one site at Harrop. *See reverse for map of recorded locations.*

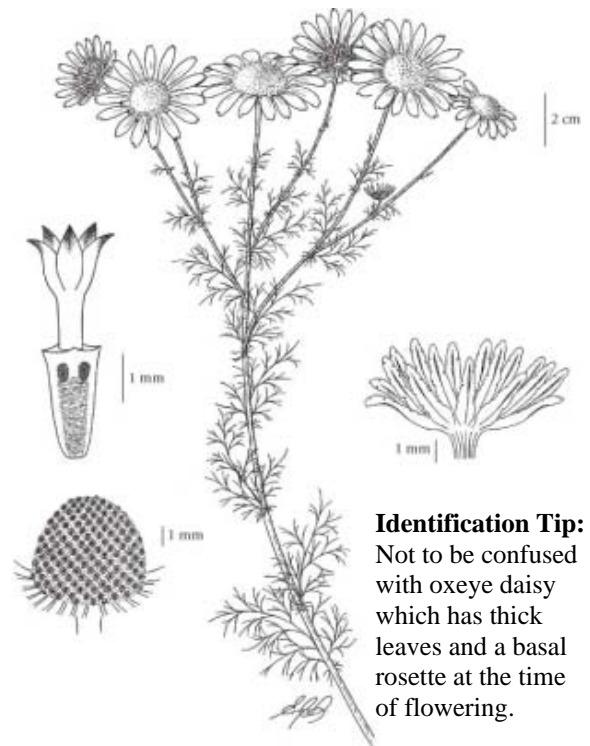
**Biogeoclimatic Zones:** ICHdw1, ICHmw4

**Management Objectives for Central Kootenay:**

- Contain population in core area near Edgewood.
- Eradicate satellite populations at Giveout Creek, Harrop, and Burton.
- Report any new infestations

**For More Information:**

- [www.weedsbc.ca/pdf/scentless\\_chamomile.pdf](http://www.weedsbc.ca/pdf/scentless_chamomile.pdf)



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**Identification Tip:** Not to be confused with oxeye daisy which has thick leaves and a basal rosette at the time of flowering.

**Credits:** Photo from Ministry of Agriculture and Lands. Drawing from E-flora.

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# *Infestations of Scentless Chamomile in the Central Kootenay*



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Program Application

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