

PHILIDELPHIA FLEABANE FACT SHEET

Scientific name: *Erigeron philadelphicus*



What Is Philadelphia Fleabane?

Philadelphia Fleabane is a cheerful wildflower that looks like a tiny daisy with lots of thin, stringy petals. It grows in fields, along roads, and in sunny parks—maybe even in your own backyard!

How to Recognize It:

- Small yellow center surrounded by lots of skinny white or pinkish petals (like a tiny sun with wild hair!)
- Grows tall—sometimes up to your knee
- Leaves hug the stem and look a little fuzzy
- Blooms in the spring and early summer

Fun Fact:

- The word "fleabane" comes from the old belief that this plant could keep fleas away! People used to dry it and put it around their homes
- It belongs to the aster family, like sunflowers and dandelions.
- Bees and butterflies love visiting its flowers!

Can You Eat It?

Some parts of Philadelphia Fleabane are technically edible for humans, but it's not very tasty—and not a plant most people eat today.

We mostly enjoy it by observing its beauty and supporting pollinators!

Not safe for pets.

Scavenger Hunt

Can you find a flower that:

- Has a fuzzy yellow center?
- Has skinny, stringy petals like a messy hairstyle?
- Is growing in a sunny spot?

PHILIDELPHIA FLEABANE ACTIVITIES

Draw what you find and compare with a photo of Philadelphia fleabane!

Craft Idea: Nature Art with Fleabane

- Find a few Fleabane flowers (with permission).
- Press them between sheets of paper in a heavy book for a week.
- Use the dried flowers to create a nature card or a wildflower collage!