

Mountain Daisy

Erigeron peregrinus



Stem leaf



Basal leaves



Plant and Leaves:

- Plant ~12-24 inches tall (30-60 cm), unbranched, short stems.
- Basal leaves are alternate, stalked, spoon-shaped 2-8 in. long (5-20 cm). Stem leaves are smaller, lanceolate.

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Budding:

- The small pink petals look undeveloped and enclose the yellow center



Flowering:

- Usually one flower head per stem, 1-1.5 inch broad, with ray flowers ("petals") lavender to rose-purple surrounding yellow disc flowers (the center of the daisy)
 - See Glossary for definition of Ray and Disc flowers



Ripening Fruit:

- A brown head on a single stalk
- No more ray flowers attached, or if so are reflexed back and brown
- Disc flowers are swelling into fruits



Releasing Seed:

- When some of the seeds have started to disperse, you can see the bare head underneath
- Much like Dandelions, Mountain Daisy is wind-dispersed

****NOTE**** *Erigeron* and *Microseris* can look similar when in fruit and releasing seed, but *Erigeron* seeds are more densely packed.