

Oxeye Daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare* Lam.)

Oxeye daisy looks like most peoples' idea of the way all daisies should look like. It is showy and benign looking. Each of these single, terminal "flowers" is actually a floral head composed of as many as 100 or more individual flowers. Each head has two different kinds of flowers, the white ray flowers (i.e. the rays of the sun) which have only female sexual parts, and the matrix of many yellow disk flowers that have both male and female parts. Note the Pucity of leaves on the upper stems. (Photo by NM State Agricultural Extension Service.)



Oxeye daisy forms a two dimensional basal rosette of leaves in the spring. Here are several of these rosettes. Each gives rise to a single stem with a terminal floral head atop it. Careful examination will reveal that these leaves have petioles -- the slender stalk by which a leaf is attached to the stem. (Photo by NM State Agricultural Extension Service)

This line drawing shows the leaves alternately arranged on the stem. Note that there are no petioles from the leaf to the stem. Also note that there are six pinnatifid teeth (leaves divided into leaflets or segments along a common axis; think of a feather) at the bottom of each leaf. (Drawing by the US Department of Agriculture)

