Weed & Pest
Noxious Weed Information Series

Oxeye daisy
(Chrysanthemum leucanthemum a.k.a. Leucanthemum vulgare)

Oxeye daisy	
General	Family: Sunflower (Asteraceae) Introduced from Europe Has been sold as an ornamental List B
Habitat	Herbaceous short lived perennial Colony forming Tolerates poor soil and drought Found in pastures, meadows, roadsides, and in waste areas It is also an agricultural weed in grain and hay
PLANT	
Vegetation	Stems are generally smooth Leaves get smaller towards top of stem The leaves are 1½ -5 inches long, usually dark green with toothed edges Smelly when crushed
Roots	Fibrous roots and short rhizomes
Flower	June-August White with yellow center 20-30 petals Single at end of branches 1-2 inches across
Seed	1,300-4,000 seeds per plant (up to 26,000) Seeds may germinate as soon as shed Can remain dormant in soil for up to 39+ years, most germinate within 6 yrs
Seedling	Rosettes
Reproduction	Reproduces by seed and root fragments

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CONTROL			
BIOLOGICAL	*None*		
CHEMICAL	***Stage***	***Herbicide***	***Timing***
	Early bud	Metsulfuron (Escort XP) Chlorsulfuron (Telar)	Spring - early Summer
CULTURAL	Prevention Removal - make sure the entire root is removed Must be repeated as new plants germinate		
MECHANICAL	***Stage***	***Method***	***Timing***
Burning	N/A		
Grazing	N/A		
Mowing	Prior to seed set	Mow every three to four weeks. Works best when combined with fall herbicide treatments.	June through September

Use all chemicals according to the manufacturer's label.
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