



TETON COUNTY WEED AND PEST DISTRICT

Oxeye daisy *Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*

Oxeye daisy is a fibrous root spreading perennial, reproducing by seed and short roots. The flower of this plant is a yellow disk with many white rays which are very 'daisy-like' in appearance. Leaves are; relatively narrow, have many lobes, and the leaves get progressively narrower and smaller as they move up the stem. Oxeye daisy is a significant threat as it is often unknowingly cultivated as an ornamental. When escaped it is not readily grazed by wildlife as it has a disagreeable taste and the many lobed leaves act as an irritant to the muzzle of animals. These advantages allow this weed to aggressively invade native grasslands and displace valuable forage bunch grasses. Oxeye daisy has also shown the adaptability to grow at very high elevations.

In Teton County this invasive species has shown itself to be very aggressive in invading hay meadows and anywhere there are moist soils. It has also shown up in ornamental plantings and wildflower mixes. **This is in no way a desirable plant for Teton County and if you need help in controlling and removing it please contact Teton County Weed & Pest District 733-8419.**



Prior to bloom, note the leaf shape



This plant has the ability to form near monocultures

