Cutleaf Alpine Fleabane

Erigeron compositus 'var. discoideus'



Cutleaf Alpine Fleabane flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Daisy Fleabane

Description:

Delicate daisy-like flowers range from white to soft-pink and lavender, the blooms cover carpet-like foliage; adaptable to poor dry soils; attracts native butterflies

Ornamental Features

Cutleaf Alpine Fleabane has masses of beautiful white daisy flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to early summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its narrow leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Cutleaf Alpine Fleabane is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Cutleaf Alpine Fleabane is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Cutleaf Alpine Fleabane will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.