

Ox-eye Daisy

Leucanthemum vulgare

Plants · In flower Jun–Aug



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An upright perennial with dark green, spoon-shaped, coarsely toothed lower leaves and large solitary daisy flowers, each with a golden disc and a ring of white ray florets, up to five centimetres across. Ox-eye daisies are common on road verges, railway banks, meadows and rough grassland around Dumfries, often in impressive numbers.

BEHAVIOUR

Also called moon daisy or dog daisy, the flowers stay visible late into the evening, which is where the moon name comes from. Each 'flower' is a composite head of many tiny florets. It thrives on poor, unimproved soil and disappears from heavily fertilised grassland, so a verge full of ox-eye daisies is usually one that has escaped enrichment.

WHEN TO SEE IT

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QUICK FACTS

FAMILY	Daisies (Asteraceae)
HEIGHT	30–70 cm
STATUS	Native; common on unimproved grassland and verges

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