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*Erigeron acer*

[Synonyms : *Erigeron acris*, *Erigeron acris* subsp. *acris*, *Erigeron elongatus*, *Trimorpha acris*]

**BLUE FLEABANE** is an annual to perennial. Found in Europe, it has open clusters of small daisy-like, yellowish-centred, purplish-white flowers.

It is also known as Bitter fleabane, *Cedowydd Glas* (Welsh), *Érigéron âcre* (French), Fleabane, *Flohkraut* (German), *Gråbinka* (Swedish), *Hèrbe à puches* (Channel Islander-Jersey Norman-French), Purple fleabane, *Scharfes Berufkraut* (German), *Turan ostrý* (Czech), and *Vergerette âcre* (French).

Blue fleabane is a rare protected plant in Northern Ireland under the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985.

*Acer* is derived from Latin *acer* (hard, sharp) meaning ‘physically sharp or with a pungent smell and/or taste’.