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’.