

Botanical Name: Erigeron glaucus

Common Name: Beach aster, Seaside daisy

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Asteraceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape A low-growing, spreading plant - forms a compact mound with age;  
the foliage is basally arranged on rather hairy stubby stems

Height 6"-12" Spread 1'-2' Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure thrives in full sun near the coast - requires shade at inland sites

Soil prefers sandy, fast-draining soil; tolerates most if not over-watered

Hardiness semi-hardy (zones 4-6, 15-17, 22-24): prefers mild coastal climates

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, basally arranged-whorled on short stems; 2"-3" long, oval,  
with blade tapering into the petiole; blue-green color

Flowers daisy-shaped, with purple-lavender ray flowers surrounding the central  
yellow disk flowers; 1"-2" across, solitary or in loose panicles; Spring months

Fruit A tiny achene

Propagation: seed or herbaceous cuttings

Usage: A good plant for facer / borders, valued for its showy display of  
flowers in the spring months; good for rock gardens, cottage-theme sites and  
casual Mediterranean-theme gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates regular; periodic soakings in summer if near the coast;  
needs more watering at hot inland sites

Fertilizing little needed

Pruning deadhead old flowers; may divide the clump after 2-3 years

Pests/Diseases snails and slugs if regularly watered

Other best suited for sunny coastal areas; gets sunburnt inland

Origin: Coastal regions of Central Calif. To Oregon