

Scentless Chamomile

Tripleurospermum inodorum



Common Name: Scentless Chamomile
Scientific Name: *Tripleurospermum inodorum*
Family: Asteraceae

Description

This plant can grow annual or biennial and sometimes even a short-lived perennial. It has numerous small and daisy-like flowers. Lower leaves disappear by flowering time. Stem leaves are dill-like, finely divided into short, thread-like segments. They don't smell when crushed.

Range in Yukon:

Scentless Chamomile has been found throughout the southern Yukon including Haines Junction, Whitehorse, Ross River, Teslin, Nisutlin, and Watson Lake. It has also been found along highways and other road system far away from communities. It is considered a noxious weed in all regions of BC.



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Similar Species

Seaside Chamomile (*T. maritimum*) is a rare plant on the Yukon arctic coast. Pineapple Weed (*M. discoidea*) is another introduced plant that lacks petals and has a strong odor when crushed.

Ecological Impact

Scentless Chamomile is unpalatable to livestock and can form dense stands in pastures. It is likely to alter soil moisture and nutrient availability for other plants.

Control

Hand-pulling can be effective in small infestations. Seed production can be lowered if plants are mowed before they flower. Seeds do not produce pappus (fluff – like dandelions) and so does not spread as easily as many other species in the daisy family. Since the plants do not compete well with vigorous plants, encouraging competitive plant growth may also be used to control infested areas. To date all Yukon known infestations have been small and easily eradicated.