

# Pink ragwort

*Senecio glastifolius*

## Family

Asteraceae (daisy)

## Also known as

Holly-leaved senecio

## Where is it originally from?

South Africa

## What does it look like?

Upright perennial (<1 m tall) with oval, coarsely toothed, light green leaves and cluster of bright pink, purple, or mauve, daisy-like flowers with yellow centres (Sep-Nov). Downy, wind-spread seeds.

## Are there any similar species?

Cineraria, purple groundsel, and some garden daisies can look similar

## Why is it weedy?

Seeds spread rapidly in the wind. Invades large areas and forms a dense cover.

## How does it spread?

Wind-bourne seeds, dumping, and deliberate planting for the flowers.

## What damage does it do?

Poisonous to stock, takes over large areas of pasture, grassland, cliffs and dune sites.

## Which habitats is it likely to invade?

Pasture, grassland, cliffs and dune sites.

## What can I do to get rid of it?

Pull out the plant and dispose of any seedheads to prevent spread.



[www.weedbusters.org.nz](http://www.weedbusters.org.nz)



Photo: Carolyn Lewis

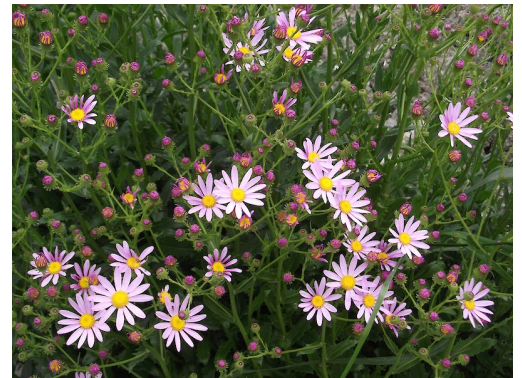


Photo: Carolyn Lewis

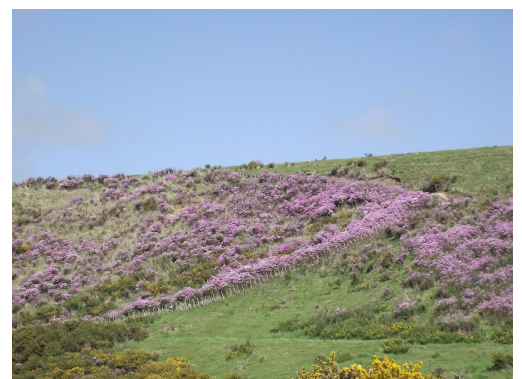


Photo: Carolyn Lewis