

Edge Weeds III

(found on the sides of roads and tracks)

Patterson's Curse, Seaside Daisy & Spear Thistle

A native of Europe, **Patterson's Curse** is poisonous to non-ruminant animals such as horses, poultry, dogs and humans.

It's also called **Salvation Jane** as it provides food for cattle and nectar for bees.

In spring, Patterson's Curse turns hills in South Australia's Flinders Ranges purple.



Patterson's Curse in flower

Patterson's Curse along a railway line

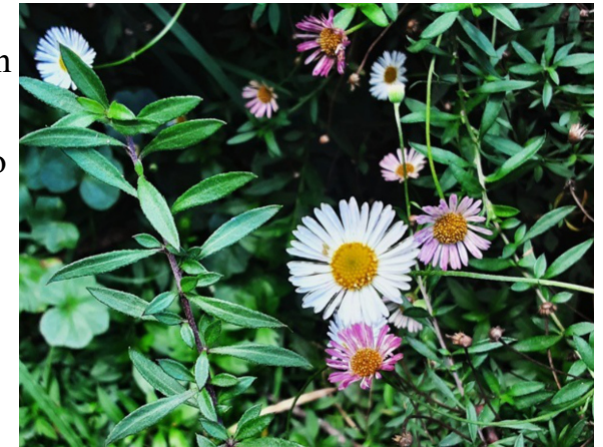


The **Seaside Daisy** is also known as Mexican Fleabane.

It is a native of Mexico and Central America.

Its flowers are 1cm wide.

It forms dense small clumps in gardens and looks like it was intentionally planted.



Seaside Daisy (Chris Jonkers)



Many think that this is a **Scotch Thistle** (Scotland's floral emblem) - but the **Scotch Thistle** has grey-silvery leaves and stems, wider leaves and is uncommon in the Blue Mountains.

The **Spear Thistle** is also known as the **Bull Thistle** and is a native of North Africa, Europe and Asia.

Spear Thistle

Look along the edge of roads and tracks for Patterson's Curse, Seaside Daisy and Spear Thistle.

Have you seen Patterson's Curse?

Have you seen a Seaside Daisy?

Have you seen a Spear or Scotch Thistle?

