

Erigeron karvinskianus (air-IDJ-er-on kar-winz-kee-AH-nus)

Synonym: Erigeron mucronatus

Mexican fleabane, Mexican daisy

Asteraceae

I'm not sure just when I fell in love with this plant, but I really can't imagine my garden without it. It's a little tender in Truro, but will overwinter in a sunny, well drained site in zone 6. You can't find this plant for sale easily, but can seed it indoors – though you have to start it early (April). The cultivar 'Profusion' is offered by a number of seed companies.

As you can see, it is a trailing plant – here spilling out of a stone wall. It is also really well suited to hanging baskets and window boxes, and will self seed in little cracks and crannies. I love the pink blush on the white daisies, and the fine texture of the plant. Bees love it, and several



butterflies will make regular visits. As well, it's a host plant for several species of beneficial flies and wasps. It will flower all summer until killed down by hard frost.

The flowers open pink and fade to white, so it's flowering habit ensures a nice blend of flower colour.

Consider giving this plant a try. I hope you come to admire it as much as I do!