

***Dimorphotheca ecklonis***

**Commonly: Veld Daisy**

**Vascular Plant Family: Asteraceae**

Flowers winter and spring

*Dimorphotheca ecklonis* is a woody, glandular pubescent perennial up to 50cm tall which has the ability to root at the nodes, often forming large clumps. It is a native of South Africa and is possibly established in the dunes at Peppermint Grove Beach due to dumped garden rubbish.

The daisy heads are up to 8cm in diameter. The white, occasionally pink, outer ray florets are up to 3cm long, white on the outer surface and dark blue beneath. The tubular inner florets are blue.



The outer ray florets are female and the inner ones are both female and male. The inner florets are tubular with 5 lobes and the anthers exceed the petals in flower.

The leaves are prickly to coarsely toothed on the margin. The lower leaves can be up to 8cm long and 2cm wide with the upper leaves becoming smaller in size and without a toothed margin.



Tubular florets

Ray florets



The glandular hairs are obvious on the leaf.



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\*Indicates it is a weed