

Daisy

Habitat Hero



Common Name: Daisy
Irish Name: Nóinín
Scientific Name: *Bellis perennis*

Seen in Ireland:

Flower: March – October

Fruit: May - November



The flower head can reach up to 3cm in diameter. Its stem is long and narrow and can reach up to 10cm.



This lovely little plant is found on all types of grasslands, including garden lawns, school grounds, parks, grazing fields and meadows.



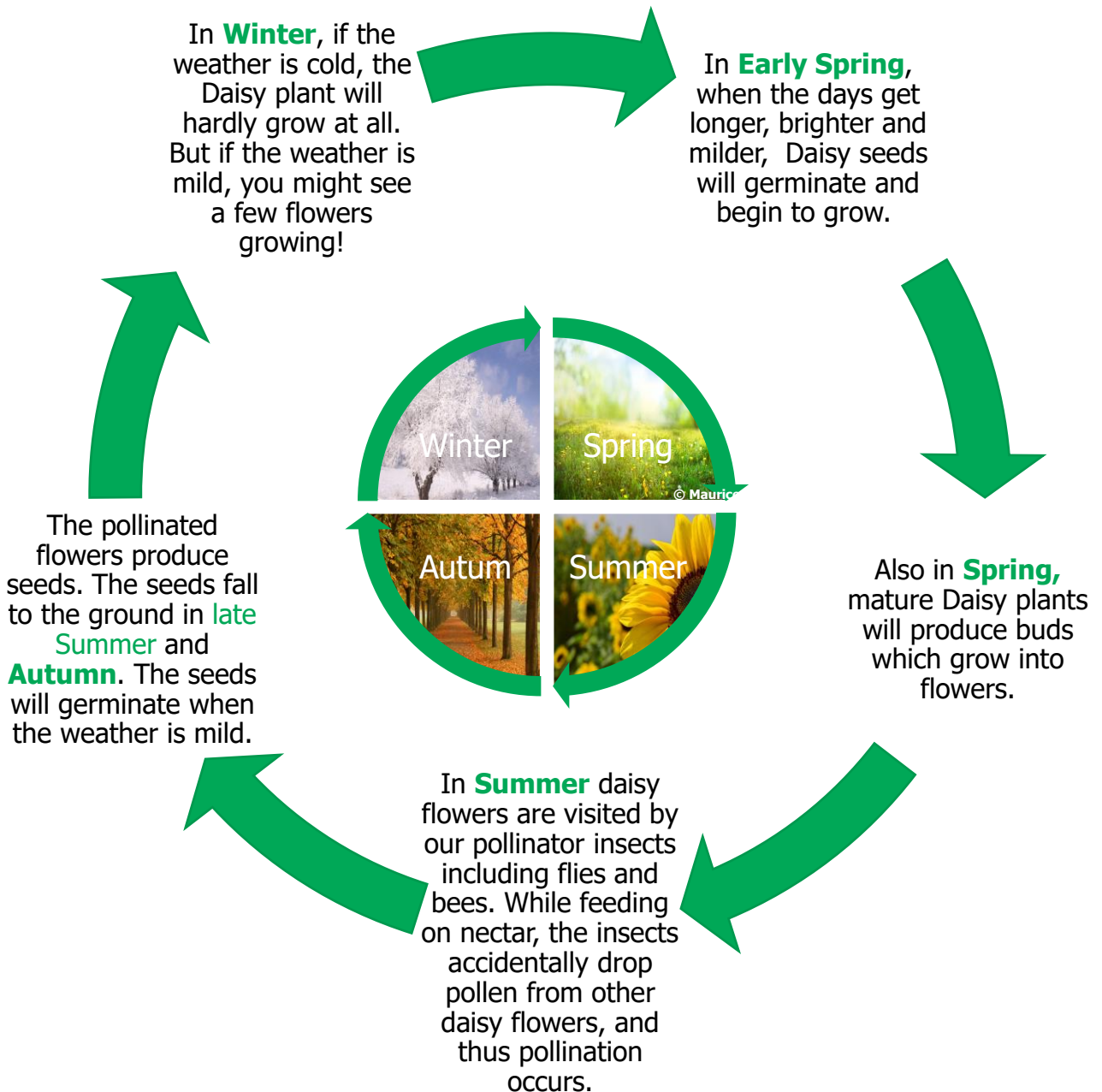
Daisies prefer rich soil, not too wet but plenty of water, and a lot of sunshine. They like up to 6 hours of sun each day. But they can grow in most conditions.

•Photosynthesis is the process in which green plants use sunlight to make their own food.



Daisies are a Perennial plant, meaning they can live for several years.

Daisy Life Cycle

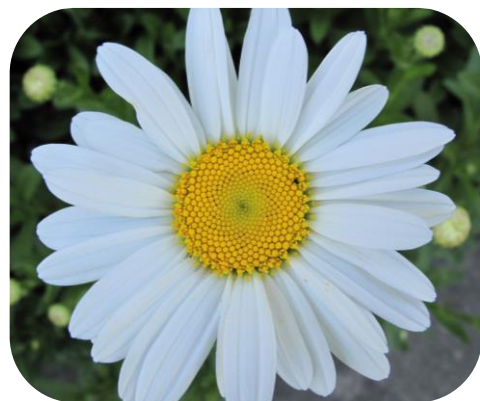


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Some more Facts:

- The Daisy is a small plant, that flowers from March to October each year.
- Its flower has a bright yellow circular centre, with lots of narrow white petals.
- These petals often have pink/reddish tips, that are more noticeable when the flower is closed.
- The plant's leaves are all at the base (bottom of the plant); they are green, hairy and spoon shaped.
- The Daisy can be found on all continents except Antarctica.
- The flowers open up in the morning and attract all types of insects before closing up in the evening when it gets dark.
- The name Daisy comes from the old name 'Day's Eye' as the flowers open at first light and closes in the evening.
- Why not ask your parents or grandparents did they ever make a Daisy Chain?
- Children used to string daisies together one by one into a loop and wear them as jewelry. Bracelets, necklaces or a crown.
- Daisy Chains are often associated with childhood, free spiritedness, summertime, and peace.



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