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Plant of the month: Grass Daisy *Brachyscome graminea*



Grass Daisy *Brachyscome graminea* is a stoloniferous trailing perennial herb to 30 cm high, with bright green, grass-like fleshy leaves 2-16 cm long and 1-10 mm wide. Single flowers are white to mauve, to 2 cm wide, from September to May. The dry fruit or cypsela is sticky and the pappus is small or absent. Grass Daisy is found in moist brackish areas such as along Anderson Inlet and is part of the saltmarsh community. It is also found in all the south-eastern States.

Grass Daisy requires moist soil and will grow in full sun or part shade. It is butterfly attracting and can be grown as a container plant if sufficient moisture is supplied. Pruning after flowering is beneficial. Propagation is from seed, cuttings or division.

The genus *Brachyscome* belongs in the Asteraceae or daisy family. The name comes from the Greek, *brachys*, short, and *komb*, hair, referring to the very short pappus bristles attached to the cypsela (seed). The species name *graminea* means grass-like, for the leaves. For further information please visit FVBP website above. Photo: Lorraine Norden.

