



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



*This beautiful daisy is easily transplanted - threatening it with overplanting yet offering hope of survival through cultivation.*



## Lakeside Daisy (*Hymenoxys acaulis* var. *glabra*)

The Lakeside Daisy is a federally *threatened species*. Threatened species are animals and plants that are likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future. *Endangered species* are animals and plants that are in danger of becoming extinct. Identifying, protecting, and restoring endangered and threatened species is the primary objective of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species program.

### Habitat

This plant is found in dry, rocky prairie grassland underlain by limestone. It requires open sites with full sun. Although it grows in Great Lakes states and along the Canadian shore of Lake Huron, it is named for Lakeside, Ohio, near one of its best known sites.

### Why It's Threatened

Limestone quarrying, which has increased in recent years, destroys the daisy's habitat. Collectors may also pose a threat, since the daisy is now found in just a handful of sites.

The wide area encompassing known Lakeside daisy sites suggests that the species was once widespread in prairie habitats throughout the midwestern United States and along Lake Huron's northern shore. Fire suppression practices have eliminated the wildfires which once regularly cleared prairie grasslands of the encroaching woods. Now the expansion of shrubs and trees threatens the daisy, which needs full sun to survive.