

# Indigenous Plants for Ballarat Gardens



## Common Lagenophora

### Lagenophora stipitata

#### FAST FACTS

##### Groundcover

Family:	Asteraceae
	Daisy
Size:	15cm H
Position:	Partly shaded
Soil:	Moist
Flowers:	Spring / Summer
Fruits:	Inconspicuous
Care:	Low maintenance

Also known as Blue Bottle-daisy, **Common Lagenophora** (*Lagenophora stipitata*) is an Australian native plant from the Ballarat area. It is a tiny plant no more than 15cm high that will spread well and form a great groundcover over bare earth or in amongst mulch.

**Location:** It likes a partly shaded position in moist soil.

**Leaves:** Blue Bottle-daisy leaves form neat little bunches (or rosettes) that look good all year round.

**Flowers:** In late spring and summer the plant is covered in small pale purple daisies about the size of a 5c piece.

**Planting:** Though Blue Bottle-daisy might look delicate, it is actually quite tough and will grow well in your garden if planted in a hole not much larger than the pot within a few days of purchase. Give it a good ½ bucket of water as soon as you plant it and it should be fine after that.

**Care:** It doesn't need any pruning to keep it looking good, however Blue Bottle-daisy may need a little extra watering over dry summer months to stay looking its best.

**Propagation:** After a couple of years you can dig up a small clump to replant somewhere else in your garden.

Alternatively, collect the sticky black seed from the old flower heads in summer, spread on moist potting mix and cover lightly.