

# Pineland daisy

(*Chaptalia tomentosa*)

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Pineland daisy is a perennial wildflower native to moist flatwoods, bogs and freshwater marsh edges. Its attractive solitary flower begins as a purplish-pink bud that opens into a wheel of whitish-yellow disk florets and white ray florets (although a tinge of purple may be noticeable). Flowerheads are closed and nodding until midday, when they become erect and open. Leaves are elliptic and appear in basal rosettes. They have entire or slightly toothed margins, dark green uppers and densely tomentose undersides. Stems are generally leafless, and are also tomentose. Seeds are born in achenes.



Pineland daisy flower bud. Photo by Mary Keim

Pineland daisy typically blooms in early winter through summer. It is also known as woolly sunbonnet. The species epithet *tomentosa* and the “woolly” reference are derived from the tomentose leaves and stem. “Sunbonnets” alludes to the initial droop of the flowerhead, which resembles a bonnet.

**Family:** Asteraceae (Aster, daisy or composite family)

**Native range:** Nearly throughout

To see where natural populations of Pineland daisy have been vouchered, visit [www.florida.plantatlas.usf.edu](http://www.florida.plantatlas.usf.edu).

**Hardiness:** Zones 7–10

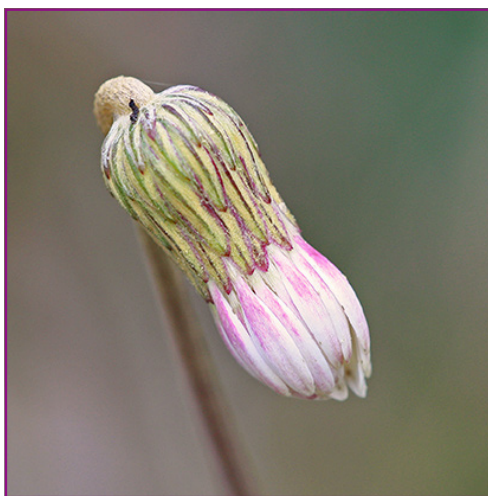
**Soil:** Moist to wet sandy soils

**Exposure:** Full or filtered sun to minimal shade

**Growth habit:** up to 12” tall

**Propagation:** Seeds, division

**Garden tips:** Pineland daisy is not commercially grown. It is best appreciated in its natural habitat.



Pineland daisy flower bud. Photo by Mary Keim



Pineland daisy “bonnet” stage.  
Photo by Eleanor Dietrich