

*Cerastium fontanum* [简体中文](#) [正體中文](#)

**System:** Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Magnoliopsida	Caryophyllales	Caryophyllaceae

**Common name** big chickweed (English), common mouse-ear chickweed (English), céraiste commun (English)

**Synonym** *Cerastium fontanum* , subsp. *triviale* (Spenn.) J alas [= *Cerastium fontanum* subsp. *vulgare*]  
*Cerastium vulgare* , Hartm. [= *Cerastium fontanum* subsp. *vulgare*]  
*Cerastium vulgatum* , auct. [= *Cerastium fontanum* subsp. *vulgare*]

### Similar species

**Summary** Among the 108 alien vascular species currently found in the sub-Antarctic *Cerastium fontanum* has a wide distribution only seriously rivalled in range by [Poa annua](#).



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### Species Description

*Cerastium fontanum* is a stiff-hairy, glandular biennial or perennial, the stems sprawling but the flowering stems erect, 2-4 dm. tall. Leaves of the prostrate stems opposite, crowded, oblanceolate, 10-25 mm. long and 2-5 mm. broad; leaves of the flowering stems opposite, widely spaced, up to 4 cm. long and 15 mm. broad. Flowers several in an open, dichotomously branched inflorescence; sepals 5, 4-7 mm. long, stiff-hairy; petals 5, white, bilobed, equaling the sepals; stamens 10; styles 5. The fruit is a capsule, membranous, cylindrical, slightly curved, twice as long as the sepals, opening by 10 teeth (Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture 2006).

### Reproduction

In the sub-antarctic region [Poa annua](#) and *Cerastium fontanum* are the most widespread introduced species (Walton 1975), but few data on their reproductive capacity in this biome are available (Frenot & Gloaguen 1994).

### Principal source:

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### ALIEN RANGE

[1] AUSTRALIA

[3] FRENCH SOUTHERN TERRITORIES

[1] SAINT PIERRE AND MIQUELON

[1] CANADA

[1] GREENLAND

[2] SOUTH AFRICA



# GLOBAL INVASIVE SPECIES DATABASE

FULL ACCOUNT FOR: *Cerastium fontanum*

[2] SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS

[1] UNITED STATES

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[IUCN/SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group \(ISSG\), 2010. A Compilation of Information Sources for Conservation Managers.](#)

**Summary:** This compilation of information sources can be sorted on keywords for example: Baits & Lures, Non Target Species, Eradication, Monitoring, Risk Assessment, Weeds, Herbicides etc. This compilation is at present in Excel format, this will be web-enabled as a searchable database shortly. This version of the database has been developed by the IUCN SSC ISSG as part of an Overseas Territories Environmental Programme funded project XOT603 in partnership with the Cayman Islands Government - Department of Environment. The compilation is a work under progress, the ISSG will manage, maintain and enhance the database with current and newly published information, reports, journal articles etc.

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