Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council lists annual “snowfall” appears in 26 counties of South America. In Florida, the phenomenon is believed to make it worse, as the lawnmower’s blades only serve to scatter the seeds over a larger area. The only way to reliably get rid of “Florida snow” is to pull it by hand. But it’s not all bad. Pinkeye flowers provide nectar to butterflies and bees. It thrives as a ground cover where other plants cannot survive.

Love it or hate it, “Florida snow” serves as our annual reminder that wintry weather is far from our shores. While our northern neighbors are shoveling real snow in their driveways, we’re luxuriating in the sun.