

ORANGE HAWKWEED

Hieracium aurantiacum

Asteraceae, the sunflower family

Category: Control

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FACTSHEET INFORMATION

Summary of Invasiveness

- Orange hawkweed is a highly invasive plant due to its competitiveness, prolific seed production, and vigorous vegetative growth.
- Infestations result in reduced livestock forage values as well as decreased biodiversity.

Description

- Perennial herb that grows up to 2 feet tall.
- Has 2-3, but up to 6, bright-green, soft rosette leaves that are covered with numerous, pale hairs.
- Flowering stems have black hairs and produce 2-12 orange-red, dandelion-like flowers. Flower bracts also have black hairs.
- Ribbed seeds are dark brown to black with white plumes.
- Milky latex is exuded when the plant is cut or broken.

Introduction and Movement

- Orange Hawkweed is native to Europe and was introduced to the U.S. as a garden ornamental.
- Inhabits meadows, rangelands, pastures, open forest, and disturbed sites.
- It can easily spread by wind-dispersed seeds, water-dispersed stolons and rhizomes, and as a seed contaminant in improperly disposed garden waste. It continues to be available as a garden ornamental and is therefore likely to continue to be dispersed.

Prevention Strategy

- To prevent accidental introductions, learn how to identify Orange hawkweed and eradicate infestations on your property.
- When gardening, always research plants before planting and only purchase seeds from licensed nurseries.
- Always remove and properly dispose of all seed and plant materials on vehicles, clothing, shoes and pets before you exit or enter outdoor recreational sites.
- Always Remember To: **KNOW WHAT YOU GROW & KNOCK IT OFF!**

Sources

- CABI Invasive Species Compendium: <https://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/27160>
- Idaho's Noxious Weeds 9th Edition, University of Idaho: <http://www.extension.uidaho.edu/publishing/pdf/BUL/BUL816.pdf>.



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