

# Hieracium murorum

## COMMON NAME

hawkweed

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

Hieracium murorum L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## NVS CODE

HIEMUR

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial. Exotic forest, streamside cliffs, roadsides (Webb et al 1988).

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Perennial herb with rosette leaves 20-50 cm tall. The rosette leaves are truncate based, toothed, especially at the base 4-12 by 2-5 cm. Stem leaves 1-(2) similar to basal but shorter and more coarsely toothed. Yellow flowers in clusters of 5-15 on flowering stalks.

## SIMILAR TAXA

*H. murorum* is similar to *H. lepidulum* and *H. pollichiae*, but can be distinguished by the spreading to recurved basal leaf teeth, the solitary stem leaf, the absence of stellate hairs on the leaves, the curved peduncles in subdichotomous cymose inflorescences and the absence of simple eglandular hairs on peduncles and involucre bracts. It can be distinguished from *Pilosella argillaceum* group, which also has densely glandular involucre bracts, by its truncate leaf bases, solitary stem leaf, and absence of stellate leaf hairs.

## FLOWERING

January, February, March

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## FRUITING

January - March

## LIFE CYCLE

Perennial.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1940

## ORIGIN

Europe

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Accidental.

## ETYMOLOGY

**hieracium:** From the Greek hierax 'hawk'. Pliny the Elder (AD 23 - AD 79) believed the plant to be eaten by hawks to improve their eyesight.



## NATIONAL PEST PLANT ACCORD SPECIES

**This plant is listed in the 2020 National Pest Plant Accord.** The National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) is an agreement to prevent the sale and/or distribution of specified pest plants where either formal or casual horticultural trade is the most significant way of spreading the plant in New Zealand. For up to date information and an electronic copy of the 2020 Pest Plant Accord manual (including plant information and images) visit the [MPI website](#).

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/hieracium-murorum/>