

Pilosella xstoloniflora

COMMON NAME

hawkweed

SYNONYMS

Hieracium xstoloniflorum

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Pilosella xstoloniflora (Waldst. & Kit.) F.W.Schultz & Sch.Bip.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial. Gardens, waste land, grassland, forest and scrub.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Perennial herb 15-30 cm high with stolons. Rosette leaves green, entire or obscurely dentate, 4-12 x 1.5-3 cm; upper surface with numerous simple hairs; lower surface with fine eglandular hairs and numerous stellate hairs. One to two orange (purple when dry) flowers per stem.

SIMILAR TAXA

Hybrid between *P. aurantiaca* and *P. officinarum*. It is intermediate between its two parents. It differs from *P.aurantiaca* in its larger capitula, usually solitary or paired on long peduncles, and having more stellate hairs. It differs from *P. officinarum* in its orange ligules (purple when dry), often paired capitula, and sparser stellate hairs.

FLOWERING

December, January, February, March

FLOWER COLOURS

Orange

FRUITING

December - March

LIFE CYCLE

Perennial. Reproduces by seed, slender stolons can re-establish after disturbance. Sets viable seed via apomixis. Seeds dispersed by clothing, wind and animal pelts. Stolons transported by soil movement.

YEAR NATURALISED

1988

ORIGIN

C. Europe, N.W. Russia, but possibly arose spontaneously in NZ.

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Accidental.

TOLERANCES

Can tolerate cold temperatures and dry conditions.



ETYMOLOGY

pilosella: Softly hairy

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](#).

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Johnson, A. T. and Smith, H. A (1986). Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning. Landsman Bookshop Ltd: Buckenhill, UK.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/pilosella-stoloniflora/>