

# Hawkbit

*Leontodon autumnalis* L.

## Alternate Names

Fall dandelion

## Description

Hawkbit is a perennial plant with dandelion-like features. Leaves are deeply lobed, arising from a basal rosette. Flowers are yellow with reddish streaks on the underside of outer florets. The pappus has a single row of leathery hairs.

## Similar Species

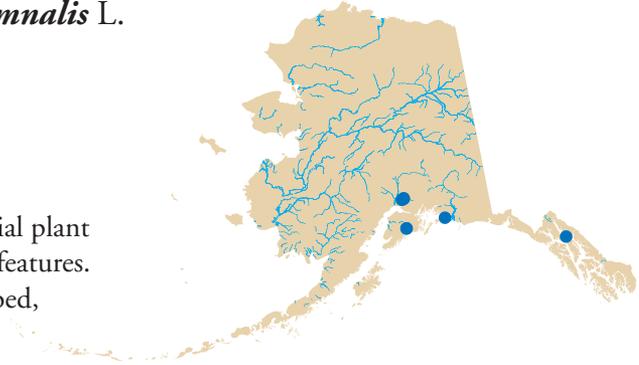
The tough flowering stem with scale-like leaves distinguishes hawkbit from common dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale* G.H. Weber ex Wiggers ssp. *officinale*, included in this book), with its hollow flower stem. The flower stalks of spotted catsear (*Hypochaeris radicata* L., included in this book) are also branched and have small scale-like bracts, but the leaves are densely hairy, not smooth and shiny like those of hawkbit.

## Management

Little information is available concerning control methods for hawkbit. Refer to other members of the Asteraceae family for possible options.

## Notes

Hawkbit is native to Europe.



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