Leontodon saxatilis

COMMON NAME
hawkbit

SYNONYMS
Leontodon taraxacoides

FAMILY
Asteraceae

AUTHORITY
Leontodon saxatilis Lam.

FLORA CATEGORY
Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

NVS CODE
LEOSAX

FEATURES
Leaf hairs with forked tips

SIMILAR TAXA
Hypochaeris radicata has hairs lacking forked tips

FLOWER COLOURS
Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED
1867

ORIGIN
Europe, W. Asia

ETYMOLOGY
leontodon: From Latin leon ‘lion’ and ‘dens’, refers to the pinnatifid leaf shape

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING
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