

Pilosella aurantiaca subsp. carpathicola

COMMON NAMES

orange hawkweed

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Orange, Yellow

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Perennial herb usually 15-40 cm tall with long stolons. Rosette leaves green, narrowly oblanceolate, entire or obscurely dentate. Erect flowering stems with clusters of orange flowers (December - April)(purple when dry).

SIMILAR TAXA

Can be distinguished from *P. xstoloniflora*, the only other hawkweed in NZ with orange flowers, by its clustered small capitula on peduncles

HABITAT

Terrestrial. Waste land, grassland, scrub, tussock grassland, roadsides, lawns, gardens, pastures (Webb et al 1988).

GENUS

Pilosella

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Pilosella aurantiaca subsp. *carpathicola* (Nägeli & Peter) Soják

SYNONYMS

Hieracium aurantiacum subsp. *carpathicola*

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

December, January, February, March

FRUITING

December - March - (May)

YEAR NATURALISED

1911

ORIGIN

Europe



Hieracium aurantiacum. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.



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REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Accidental.

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Perennial. Reproduces via seed, stolons can re-sprout after disturbance. Seed produced December - May. Seed dispersed by wind, clothing and animal pelts. Rhizomes and stolons via water movement, contaminated soil and machinery. Plant tolerant to damage and grazing, moderate to cold temperatures, low rainfall, poor soils.

ETYMOLOGY

pilosella: Softly hairy

aurantiaca: Orange

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](#).

NVS CODE

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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-aurantiaca-subsp-carpathicola/>

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