

# Pilosella xstoloniflora

## COMMON NAMES

hawkweed

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Orange

## 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.

## HABITAT

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

## GENUS

*Pilosella*

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

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

## SYNONYMS

*Hieracium xstoloniflorum*

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## FLOWERING

December, January, February, March

## FRUITING

December - March

## 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.

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

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.

## 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/>

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