

# Leontodon saxatilis

## COMMON NAMES

hawkbit

## SYNONYMS

*Leontodon taraxacoides*

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Leontodon saxatilis* Lam.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## NVS CODE

LEOSAX

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte (non-wetlands).

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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

Fl. Franç. 2: 115. (1779)

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## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/leontodon-saxatilis/>



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