

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



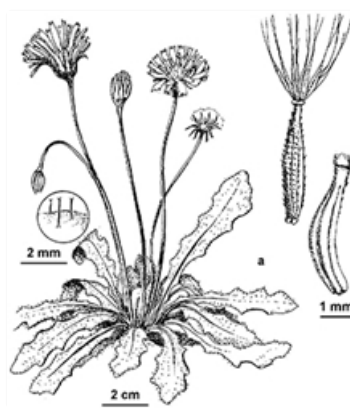
Flower head. Photographer Richard Spellenberg, California, USA



Back of flower head. Photographer Zoya Alukova, California, USA



Flowering plant. Photographer Russell Best, near Macedon, Vic



Line drawings (as subsp. *saxatilis*): h, plant (detail of leaf hairs); inner (left) and outer (right) seeds. E Beckett, E, University of Oxford, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Lesser hawkbit, Hairy hawkbit

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, grassy areas, gardens, disturbed areas, roadsides, and moist sites. Widespread. Rare on the Western Slopes and in Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Introduced biennial or **perennial** herb to 0.4 m tall. Lower part of the stem hairy with branched hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves in a basal **rosette**, 2-30 cm long, 5-20 mm wide, hairy to sparsely hairy, margins flat or wavy, toothed to **dissected** with almost triangular lobes. Flower **heads** with many yellow '**petals**' each 3-7 mm long. Flower heads below the 'petals' broad cylindrical, 5-12 mm in diameter. Flower buds droop, the stalk straightening when the flower opens. Flower heads single. Flowers most of the year.

Leontodon saxatilis subsp. *saxatilis* in Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Leontodon~saxatilis> (accessed 21 April 2021)

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