

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads. Photographer Alvesgaspar, unknown place



Flower cluster. Photographer Michael Becker, Germany



Painting in Johann Georg Sturm, *Deutschlands Flora in Abbildungen*, Figure 62 (1796)

Common name

Wall Hawkweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Weed. Blue Mountains and north.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 0.7 m high. Spreads via creeping aboveground stems (**stolons**) and can create a dense mat of vegetation that practically eliminates all other ground vegetation. Stems hairy, with **stellate**, **glandular**, and **simple** hairs. Leaves in a basal **rosette** and sometimes **alternating** up the stems, 5–11 cm long, 25–45 mm wide, often purple mottled, margins toothed. upper surface darker than the lower, both surfaces with long white simple hairs, denser on the undersurface and along the **veins** and margins, tips more or less blunt with a small abrupt point. Flower **heads** yellow, 20–35 mm in diameter, with 30–50+ '**petals**'. Flower heads below the 'petals' bell-shaped to top-shaped. **Bracts appressed** to the flower heads below the **petals** 18–21. Flower heads in a loose open cluster of 5–8 flowers. Flowers October – April.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW (as *Pilosella* species). General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions in all NSW (as *pilosella* species). Noxious weed Vic (as *Hieracium* spp.).

PROHIBITED MATTER in NSW: If you see this plant report it to the NSW Invasive Plants & Animals Enquiry Line 1800 680 244.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Hieracium-murorum> (accessed 13 April 2021)

Description partly based on Flora of North America: http://www.efloras.org/florataxon.aspx?flora_id=1&taxon_id=220006374 (accessed 13 April 2021)

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