

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads. Photographer Stanislav Krejčík, Czech Republic



Flowering plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Neville Walsh, Kosciuszko National Park



Rosettes. Photographer Zoya Akulova, California, USA



Line drawing in Britton, N.L., and A. Brown. 1913. An illustrated flora of the northern United States, Canada and the British Possessions. Vol. 3: 334

Common name

Orange Hawkweed

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Woodland, grassy areas, alpine **herbfields**, and disturbed sites, usually at high altitudes. Kosciuszko National Park. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.40 m high, or **prostrate**. Spreads via creeping aboveground stems (**stolons**) and develops colonies that can out-compete and replace all other ground vegetation. Flower stalks hairy. Leaves in a basal **rosette**, rarely **alternating** up the stems, 4.5-15 cm long, 10-25 mm wide, margins **entire**, tips pointed, surfaces covered in **simple** hairs 1-2+ mm long and **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Flower **heads** 10-20 mm in diameter, with 25-120+ bright orange to red '**petals**', the centre '**petals**' often yellow. Flower heads below the 'petals' bell-shaped. **Bracts appressed** to the flower heads 13-30+. Flower heads in clusters of 5-30 flowers. Flowers spring-autumn.

Was *Hieracium aurantiacum* subsp. *carpathicola*.

National Environmental Alert List (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 (as *Pilosella* species): 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&lvl=in&name=Pilosella-aurantiaca+subsp.-aurantiaca> (accessed 14 April 2021)

Description partly based on Flora of North America (as *Hieracium aurantiacum*): http://www.efloras.org/florataxon.aspx?flora_id=1&taxon_id=250006657 (accessed 14 April 2021)

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