

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Dandelion

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Disturbed alpine **grassland**, gardens, disturbed sites, roadsides, in damp places. Kosciuszko National Park and Albury.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 0.35 m high at the seeding stage (to 0.2 m high at flowering). Flower stalks hairless at flowering except below the flower **head**, usually rose-purple throughout, usually with 1 or 2 leaf like **bracts**. Leaves basal, 10–25 cm long, 30–50 mm wide, dark green, becoming hairless; **dissected**, with 3–5 pairs of **lateral** pointed to hooked lobes. Leaf stalks brown-purple with interwoven strands of green and purple (visible with a X5 lens or the macro app on your phone/tablet), **winged**, the **wings** broader closer to the leaf **blades**. Flower **heads** about 45 mm in diameter, with many yellow '**petals**'. Flower heads behind the '**petals**' oblong-bell-shaped. Lowermost bracts surrounding the flower heads 5–7 mm long, 1–2 mm wide, usually with torn margins, pointing up to outwards, with a narrow white-border (about 0.1 mm). Flowers Sept.–Apr. Seeds 3.5–4.5 mm long, olive-brown to straw-coloured.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/ff73a2eb-c7d7-4cb0-bab2-94664b7dae81> (accessed 3 May 2021)

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