

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Common name

Dandelion

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Woodland and **grassland**, rarely on disturbed urban sites. Tablelands, Kosciuszko National Park, and the mountains to the north. Formerly **naturalised** in the ACT..

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 0.26 m high at the seeding stage (to 0.1 m high at flowering). Flower stalks white **woolly** in bud, hairless at flowering except under the flower **head**, rose-purple at the base. Leaves 5-12 cm long, 15-30 mm wide, becoming hairless; **dissected**, with 4-6 pairs of pointed **lateral** lobes. Midribs usually light purple at the base. Leaf stalks light purple, sometimes narrowly **winged**. Flower **heads** with many yellow '**petals**', 25-35 mm in diameter, oblong-bell-shaped behind the '**petals**'. **Bracts** surrounding the flower heads **erect** to pointing out or curved down, with a narrow white border (about 0.2 mm wide), margins with a narrow fringe, tips thickened or with a hard blunt tip. Flowers September to May. Seeds about 4 mm long, bright red-brown.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/63b0fefc-4a0b-4d10-8f21-054900aa20e9> (accessed 3 May 2021)

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