

Deschutes County Noxious Weed Board

Orange Hawkweed

Identification and Control



Orange Hawkweed



- Invasive species introduced from Eurasia
- Also called **Devil's Paintbrush**—it looks lovely but aggressively outcompetes native species and forms thick monocultures
- Has been found growing along the Deschutes River and in lawns in Bend
- Was mistakenly sold at local nurseries but in Oregon is a listed Class A Noxious Weed
- Scientific name is *Hieracium aurantiacum*



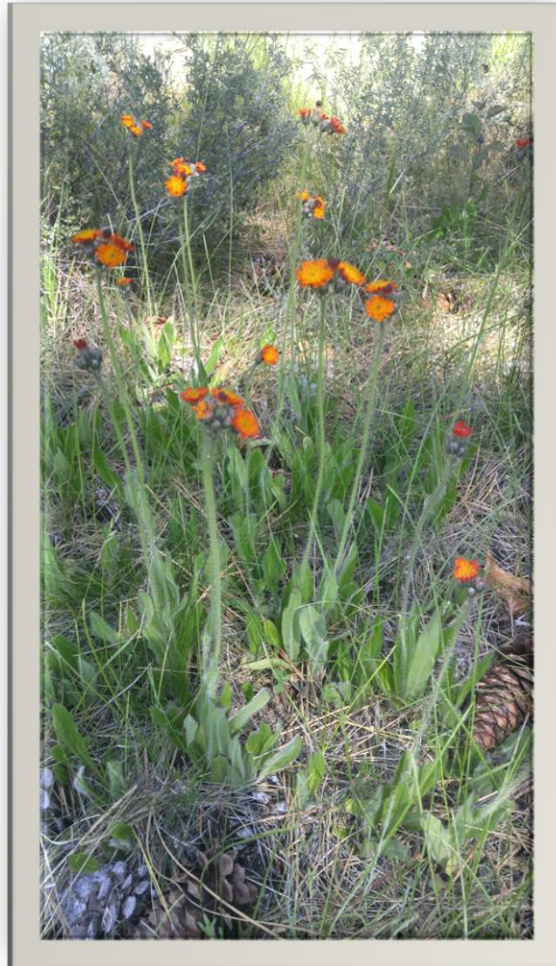
Identification



- Perennial, grows up to 12"
- Roots are relatively shallow and fibrous with stolons and rhizomes
- Milky white juice in stems
- Orange or orange-red flowers are clustered at top
- Leaves are mostly basal and are hairy on both sides



Control



General Control Strategy

- Large infestations can be **hard to remove with hand pulling** because rhizomes easily break off and stay in the soil.
- Smaller patches need to be pulled **multiple times through the growing season** so that all root fragments are removed.
- Root fragments can re-establish, and seed can stay viable for up to 7 years, so repeated pulling and monitoring is needed.



Control



- **Mowing** increases vegetative spread **and is not recommended.**
- Neither mowing, grazing, nor burning is recommended—it is unpalatable and likely to increase with mowing or burning.
- For herbicide recommendations refer to county publication:

https://www.deschutes.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/road/page/1690/orange_hawkweed_bmp.pdf



Thank you!

Let's keep our community free of noxious weeds.

For more information on noxious weed identification and treatment, please visit www.deschutes.org/weeds or contact **Ed Keith, County Forester, at Ed.Keith@deschutes.org** or Office: (541) 322-7117

