

Orange Hawkweed



Plant: Thought to have been introduced as an ornamental plant, Orange Hawkweed is a perennial that produces from seed and stolons (much like a strawberry). The plant is very hairy with leaves mostly occurring at the base of the plant. The stem of the plant contains a milky sap and is usually leafless.

Flowers: Orange Hawkweed flowers are hard to miss. Bright orange with a lighter centre, the petals are square at the edges and toothed. One flower will produce 10-25 seeds and between 5 and 30 flower heads are typically found on one plant. Released seeds will remain viable in the soil for as long as seven years.

Where to Find This Weed: This plant can grow in a wide variety of environments but prefers well-drained soils. The many adaptations of Orange Hawkweed make it a plant of great concern.

This invasive plant is listed in the Alberta Weed Control Act as a Prohibited Noxious Weed. Please call Westlock County Agriculture Services at 780-349-3346 ext. 280 for identification and recommendations.

