

Hieracium aurantiacum

Orange Hawkweed

Other common names:

king devil, red devil, devil's paintbrush

Asteraceae, the sunflower family

Category: CONTROL



Diagnostic Characteristics

- Perennial; has fibrous roots (this is deceptive due to the rhizomes), grows 1-2 feet tall
- Leaves mostly basal, upper leaf surface has long simple hairs
- Flowers are strap shaped with notched upper margins, are orange-red, and arranged in compact clusters
- Flowering stems are regularly leafless with black hairs but occasionally a small leaf appears near the midpoint
- Milky latex is exuded when the plant is cut or broken

Background

- Native to Europe; introduced as an ornamental and herbal remedy
- Inhabits forest meadows, pastures, rights-of-way, and disturbed areas
- Reproduces vegetatively from stolons, rhizomes, and also by seed
- Seed reproduction is generally less important than vegetative reproduction in existing populations

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