

*Senecio jacobaea*

# Tansy Ragwort

Other common names:  
stinking willie

Asteraceae, the sunflower family  
Category: CONTAINMENT



## Diagnostic Characteristics

- Biennial or short-lived perennial; grows 1-4 feet tall with fibrous roots
- Rosette leaves are deeply lobed
- Stems erect, single or branched from the crown
- Leaves deeply cut, blunt-toothed lobed, dark green on top, and whitish-green underneath
- Flower heads are yellow, 1 inch wide, daisy-like with golden or light brown centers, and borne as terminal clusters

## Background

- Native to Eurasia
- Inhabits rights-of-way, pastures, forests, and disturbed sites
- Reproduces by seed
- Seeds typically are moved only a few yards in the wind; however, some survive ingestion by birds
- **Toxic to humans and livestock (one of the most commonly poisonous plants to horses)**

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