

# Jack-go-to-bed-at-noon Tragopogon pratensis

# Description

In Michigan, the earliest known observation was in 1880.

## Habit

#### Leaves

Grass-like blades, 3/4 in wide and 12 inches long, becoming smaller up the stem, toothless, generally smooth, waxy, sparse hairs when young, narrow near the base, tapper to a pointed tip, clasping, curved.

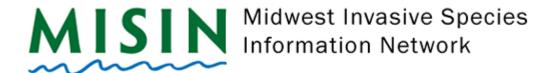
### **Stems**

Slightly swollen below flowerhead, smooth, green in color or whitish, branching near the base or with multiple flowering stems.

#### **Flowers**

Solitary, 1-2.5 inches across, yellow in color, many dandelion-type petals, 8 or more green bracts surround the flower.





#### **Fruits and Seeds**

Dandelion-type plume, 3 inches across. Seeds are brown in color with a tuft of whitish hairs.

#### **Habitat**

Native to Europe. Can be found in roadsides, disturbed sites, waste places, and fields.

# Reproduction

By seed.

#### **Similar**

Yellow salsify (Tragopogon dubius)

## **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

Can be controlled by cultivation, hand pulling or with several readily available general use herbicides.

#### **Credits**

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