

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, taper 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.

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