

Yellow salsify

Tragopogon dubius

Description

Introduced to North America as a garden plant in the early 1900s.

Habit

Annual or biennial, reaching a height of 20-60 cm.

Leaves

Alternate, narrow, 0.4-12 inches long and tapered from base to tip, grass-like. Young leaves can be hairy while mature leaves are waxy.

Stems

Ascending, leafy, sometimes branched with milky latex sap when broken.

Flowers

Occur at the end of stems on inflated peduncles, 2.2 inches in diameter, comprised of only ray flowers, opening early in the day and close by early afternoon.

Fruits and Seeds





Achenes, 1-1.6 inches long; attached to large, feathery pappus reaching up to 4 inches in diameter.

Habitat

Native to Europe. Can be found in open forests, woodlands, shrublands, grasslands, roadsides, clearcuts, and pine stands.

Reproduction

By seed or vegetatively.

Similar

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Limiting disturbances may be most successful control method.

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