

HIERACIUM UMBELLATUM L.  
Canada Hawkweed

FAMILY: Asteraceae

HABIT: Perennial herb to 1.5 m.; flowering late July-October; fruiting September, October.

SIMILAR SPECIES: *Hieracium* is a complex genus with many native and introduced species occurring in Ohio. *H. umbellatum* is distinguished by technical characters.

TOTAL RANGE: Circumboreal, in America s. to P.E.I., N.B., MI, MN, CO, and OR.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Lake, and Lucas counties. There are pre-1980 records from Erie, Ottawa, and Sandusky, and Wood counties.

HABITAT: Dry, open to semi-open situations, usually in sandy soil: open oak woods, beaches, dunes, sandy fields, rarely in prairie remnants.

HAZARDS: Overshading by woody species as a result of succession.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown, but presumed good. The Ohio populations exist in areas that have undergone moderate disturbance.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Mature flowering or fruiting material is needed for positive identification.

COMMENTS: This nondescript hawkweed is easily misidentified and could be overlooked due to the confusing array of native and introduced species of the genus *Hieracium* in Ohio. It should be sought in dry, sandy areas throughout the northern part of the state.

Some authors split *Hieracium umbellatum* into three varieties. Using this concept, our plants are the var. *fasciculatum* (Pursh) Fern. The other two varieties occur largely to the north of Ohio.

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