



TETON COUNTY WEED AND PEST DISTRICT

Orange Hawkweed *Hieracium aurantiacum* L.

Orange hawkweed is a fibrous rooted, perennial herb that grows up to 12 inches tall. The hairy leaves are mostly basal with 1 or 2 small leaves occasionally occurring on the bristly stem. The plants contain a milky juice and have 5 to 35 flower heads. The strap-shaped flowers are orange to red with notched tips. Orange hawkweed spreads via stolons, rhizomes, seeds, and root buds. Severe infestations of dense mats can choke out all other vegetation.

At this time, there are very few Orange hawkweed infestations in Teton County, and most of these occur in Grand Teton National Park. This particular species of invasive hawkweed is more easily identified than its cousin yellow hawkweed in that there are no native hawkweeds to this region with orange flowers. If you think you may have found orange hawkweed, please let us know.

If you find this weed on your property or around Teton County, please report it immediately at 733-8419.

