

# NARROWLEAF HAWKSBEARD

Crepis tectorum

### **IDENTIFICATION TIPS**

- This taprooted annual has a basal rosette and leaves similar to dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*).
- Leaves are egg shaped, with the wider portion toward the tip. They are usually dissected or lobed. Basal leaves grow on petioles; stem leaves do not.
- > Stems are erect, without hairs, and branch at the base.
- > Up to 20 yellow flowers bloom in an open cluster at the top of the plant—and on stems branching from the leaf axis near the top.

### **CONTROL TIPS**

- > This plant is very invasive, particularly in nutrientrich environments.
- Apply a postemergent herbicide containing clopyralid to actively growing weeds. Only weeds that have emerged at the time of application will be affected.
- > Once hawksbeard is under control, mulch landscape beds and encourage strong, healthy turf through proper fertilization, irrigation and mowing.



## **BRISTLY OXTONGUE**

Picris echioides

#### **IDENTIFICATION TIPS**

- > This erect winter or summer annual, or sometimes biennial, broadleaf weed is commonly found in the Northern U.S., as well as in California and Nevada.
- > Its seed leaves are broadly stalked, oval and hairless. The first true leaves are egg shaped and covered with coarse, barbed and bristly hairs, which grow from blister-like swellings.
- > Later leaves become increasingly larger. Until the flower stem develops, plants exist as basal rosettes.

> Yellow flowerheads resemble dandelion and grow from the top of the flowering stem. Petals have toothed tips.

#### **CONTROL TIPS**

- > For optimum control, apply a preemergent herbicide containing isoxaben prior to germination.
- Any existing oxtongue must be physically or chemically removed prior to herbicide application.
- > Landscape bed tilling and herbicide application prior to planting also will help prevent this weed.
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