

What's That Plant?

Common yellow composite flowers in Kodiak



Woolly Hawkweed

Hieracium triste

A native plant primarily found in mountain meadows in Kodiak. It has extremely woolly buds and slightly hairy leaves that lack the "goosebumps" of invasive hawkweeds.



Meadow Hawkweed

Hieracium caespitosum

Invasive plant only known from one neighborhood in Kodiak. Flower clusters have many more buds than woolly hawkweed.



Arrowleaf Groundsel

Senecio triangularis

A native plant that grows on streambanks and other moist places. Recognized by its arrow-shaped leaves with many teeth on the edges.



Tansy Ragwort

Jacobaea vulgaris

Invasive plant currently only known to grow in Bells Flats area on Kodiak. Identifiable by its deeply lobed leaves, often with a purple midrib.



Arnica

Arnica chamissonis, *A. lanceolata*, and more

There are several native Arnica species in Kodiak. They produce a few flowers, but not in a dense cluster like meadow hawkweed. They have a classic daisy-like flower, but all yellow.



Common Groundsel

Senecio vulgaris

A weedy non-native plant found in disturbed areas. It rarely gets above a foot tall. Look for cylindrical buds with black markings and leaves with scalloped edges.

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Autumn Hawkbit

Leontodon autumnalis

This invasive plant is common in disturbed areas on Kodiak. They have serrated, dandelion-like leaves and fuzzy buds. Unlike dandelions, they do not have hollow stems.



Narrowleaf Hawksbeard

Crepis tectorum

Invasive plant known from a few disturbed locations in Kodiak. They can be distinguished from autumn hawkbit by the second row of involucral bracts (circled) that stick out from the buds.



Common Dandelion

Taraxacum officinale

Widespread non-native plant with highly variable leaf shapes that can be deeply serrated or hardly serrated at all. Produces a single flower per flower stem; the stems produce milky sap.



Spiny Sowthistle

Sonchus asper

A common weed in Kodiak gardens, sowthistle has characteristically spiny leaves. Unlike other invasive thistles in Kodiak, it has yellow flowers.



Common Tansy

Tanacetum vulgare

This highly invasive plant has a pungent smell and deeply lobed, almost fern-like leaves. It has bright yellow, button-like flowers and tall, reddish-brown stems. Previous years' flower stems often remain standing until the next year.



Boreal Sagebrush

Artemisia arctica

This native plant is usually found growing on mountains in Kodiak. Like common tansy, it has a strong smell, though more pleasant. The nodding flowers often have a reddish center and black-edged buds/bracts.