

# Ragwort, Tansy

*Senecio jacobaea*

Asteraceae (Sunflower Family)

Category:

Prohibited Noxious



- **Information:** Native to Eurasia, prefers dry open areas.
- **Life cycle:** Biennial or short-lived perennial.
- **Root:** Taproot.
- **Leaves:** Rosette has 10 - 20 leaves with web-like hairs. Basal leaves 5cm-25cm long, lobed into leaflets and leaflets lobed again. Stem leaves alternate, evenly distributed, lower leaves larger, strong odour when crushed.
- **Stems:** Commonly 30-90cm tall but up to 1.8m. Several or solitary stems may branch near the terminal inflorescence. Stems and leaf stalks often purplish and have cobwebby hairs.
- **Flower:** Daisy-like flower heads, yellow petals, yellow center, less than 2.5cm diameter, clustered on terminal stem.
- **Seed/Fruit:** Tiny and tipped by hair-like plumes.
- **Toxic:** Horses, cattle, sheep, goats, humans.