



Orange Hawkweed (*Hieracium aurantiacum*)

Sunflower Family

Photos by Michael Shephard, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.org.

Invasiveness Rank: 79

- A perennial with colorful orange-red flowers about one inch in diameter. Flower heads are red on the edges and orange in the center. Flowers consist of ray florets only with upper margins of rays notched. Leaves clustered in a basal rosette. A few small leaves may be found on the 6 to 8 inch long stem, but often stems remain leafless. Leaves are covered with soft white hairs. Stems have shorter dark colored hairs. Leaves are darker green on the upper surface than the lower surface. Stems 2 to 12 inches long, occasionally growing to two feet long. Leaves and stems produce a milky sap when broken.
- Spreads by stolons, rhizomes, and seed. A favorite flower of unwary gardeners and wildflower enthusiasts. Found along roads, riparian areas and beaches.
- **Moves into forb meadows and wetlands where it spreads aggressively. Forms dense mats, crowding out native plants.**

