

# Dandelion, Carolina False

[*Pyrrhopappus carolinianus* (Walt.) DC.]

## DESCRIPTION

Carolina false dandelion is a winter annual or biennial weed common in disturbed sites such as pastures and fields. The hairy leaves are deeply lobed and form a basal rosette with a taproot. The flower stalk can have many branches that end with flowers, unlike common and cat's ear dandelion. The bright yellow flowers appear in the spring and summer.



Characteristic	Description
Growth Season	winter annual or biennial weed
Growth Habit	rosette
Leaflet Number	one
Leaf Margin	deeply lobed
Leaf Hairs	
Leaf/Leaflet Shape	linear/oblong; sharp-pointed
Leaf Width	1/2 - 1 inch
Leaf Venation	pinnate
Leaf Arrangement	alternate
Root Type	taproot
Flower Color	yellow



Carolina false dandelion flower



Carolina false dandelion leaves

Note: Still not sure this is the right weed? [The Turf & Weed Identification Decision Aid](#) may help. Check the TurfFiles [glossary](#) for definitions of unfamiliar terms.

## **CULTURAL CONTROL**

Proper turf management is important for biennial broadleaf weed control. Maintain a dense, actively growing turf through proper mowing, fertilizing, and watering practices. Mow at the proper height for your selected adapted turfgrass. Coring and traffic control reduce compaction and encourage desirable turfgrass competition. It is best to control this biennial broadleaf weed in spring or fall, if actively growing at these times.

## **CHEMICAL CONTROL**

Carolina false dandelion may be effectively controlled in the fall or spring with two, three and four way broadleaf herbicides.

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