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Spotlight on Weeds: Dandelion

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Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*)



Figure 1. Dandelion with flower and lobed leaves.



Figure 2. Dandelion seedling.



Figure 3. Dandelion flower and leaves.

Family: Asteraceae

Life cycle: Perennial

Reproduces: Seed

Flowers: 1-2" diameter yellow disk and ray flowers on long stalk.

Leaves: Simple, lobed (variable), wavy margins (variable), 3-10" long originating from a basal rosette

Seedlings: Dicotyledon that is smooth, yellow-green and lack hairs.

Comments: A very prominent tap root that can vegetatively propagate. The flower stalk originates from the basal rosette.

Cultural and Mechanical Control:

- Cultivation (if practical)

Chemical Control:

Preemergence:

- Dichlobenil (Casoron)
- Isoxaben (Gallery)
- Indaziflam (Marengo/Specticle)
- Oxyfluorfen and pendimethalin (OH2)
- Oxyfluorfen and oryzaline (Rout)
- Trifluralin and isoxaben (Showcase and Snapshot)
- Flumioxazin (Sureguard/Broadstar)

Postemergence:

- Glyphosate (many trade names)
- Bentazon (Basagran T/O)
- Sulfosulfuron (Certainty)
- Glufosinate (Finale)
- Clopyralid (Lontrel)

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