

KRIGIA DANDELION (L.) Nutt.
Potato-dandelion

FAMILY: Asteraceae

SYNONYMS: *Cynthia dandelion* (L.) DC.

HABIT: Scapose perennial herb from basal rosette with slender tuberiferous rhizomes; flowers April-June, fruits June-July.

SIMILAR SPECIES: This species superficially resembles *Taraxacum officinale* and closely resembles *Krigia virginica*. *K. dandelion* can be distinguished from these annual species by the presence of small, underground tubers. *K. dandelion* also has 15-40 pappus bristles, whereas *K. virginica* has only 5.

TOTAL RANGE: NJ to FL, w. to KS and TX.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Adams and Clermont counties.

HABITAT: Open oak woods and prairies, usually in moist sandy soils.

HAZARDS: Overshading by woody species as a result of succession.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Presumed poor. Steyermark (1963) states that this species does not transplant well and is difficult to grow.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect mature flowering specimen with underground parts; avoid over-collecting.

COMMENTS: The species should be sought throughout southern Ohio. This species was rediscovered in Ohio in 1989 and 1990 in Clermont and Adams Counties.

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