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.

SELECTED REFERENCES:


