

Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*)

This plant is found under all soil conditions. The leaves are joined directly to its thick fleshy tap root. They have a tooth like lobe, they are hairless and grow close the ground level. Flowers are single and large and appear from March until November, but mostly do so during the spring. If the dandelion is allowed to produce seed heads – due to infrequent mowing- the ultra light weight seeds are easily dispersed by the wind to other parts of the lawn.



THE CONTROL: hand weeding is possible, but any bit of remaining root in the soil will produce a new plant. They can be a serious nuisance in many lawns. Chemical spot treatment is better. Repeated application with any of the active ingredients 2,4-D, MCPA with dicamba or Mecoprop-P will control this weed.