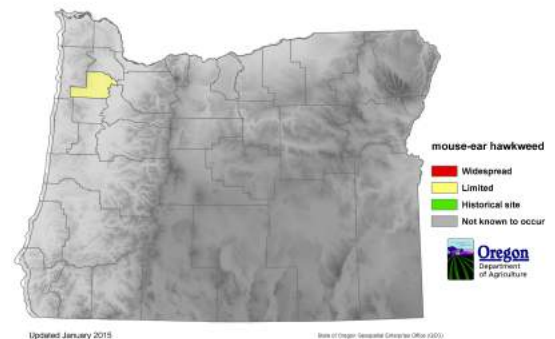


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**Mouse-ear hawkweed**  
*Hieracium pilosella* var. *pilosella*

**Other common names:** Felon herb, mouse bloodwort

**USDA symbol:** HIPI  
**ODA rating:** A and T



**Introduction:** Mouse-ear hawkweed is native to Europe and Asia. It is much more common in Western Washington State than in Oregon, especially in pastures. Oregon contains only one known population in Yamhill County. The eastern Canadian provinces and British Columbia have documented populations also.

**Distribution in Oregon:** Mouse-ear hawkweed is known from one small site in Oregon near McMinnville. More populations may be present that have gone undetected.

**Description:** Mouse-ear hawkweed is a low growing perennial hawkweed with distinctive fuzzy leaves showing white midveins. It spreads with stolons like strawberry plants and has a fibrous root system. Yellowish-white flowers are produced on short, leafless stalks that are covered with stiff dark hairs. The flowers resemble those of dandelions. This may explain why the plant is easily overlooked. It prefers to grow in open grassy areas and does not tolerate shade.

**Impacts:** Mouse-ear hawkweed produces thick mats of rosettes preventing other plants from establishing or surviving. It displaces desirable pasture species reducing forage production and forage quality. The species is very tolerant of low soil fertility and thrives in over-grazed pastures. It is becoming a troublesome weed in native meadows, prairies, pastures and lawns.

**Biological controls:** Biological control agents are not used on "A" listed weeds in Oregon. If this weed is found in the state it will be targeted for eradication or containment.



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