

Youngia japonica (Oriental False Hawk's-Beard)
Asteraceae (Aster Family)

Description and Biology

- Upright, annual herb 1 to 2 feet in height.
- Leaves have smooth surfaces with finely toothed edges, are mostly clustered at the base, and are 2 to 5 inches long and 0.5 to 2 inches wide. The shape resembles that of a guitar divided into segments that are sometimes irregular with a large terminal segment (dandelion-like leaves).
- Numerous, small, yellow flowers are arranged in a flat or convex-topped open cluster.



Current Status

Currently found along roadsides and disturbed areas primarily in the piedmont and coastal plain of North Carolina, this plant is spreading relatively rapidly. It has the potential to be a problem in natural areas given its prolific seed production.