

# Weed Alert!

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(*Senecio quadritentatus*)

**Mature Size** Knee



## Description

- Up to 3.5 ft. perennial forb with silvery white foliage and yellow flowers
- Cylindrical flower heads are yellow-green on the outside with a yellow center, and mature into cottony tufts like dandelions when mature



- Slender linear leaves are 3-9 in. long, alternate, pale green with pointed tips
- Stems and leaves covered in white woolly or cobwebby hairs
- Reproduces by seed
- Spread by wind
- Native to Australia

**Bloom Period** Jan - Jul

**Habitat** Disturbed sites in chaparral and coastal scrub



**2-Minute Removal** Pull

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