




## Velvet Groundsel

*Roldana petasitis* (syn. *Senecio petasitis*)





**Leaves** are large, soft and rounded in shape with slightly undulating edges. Both upper and lower surfaces have short hairs, giving them a velvety texture. **Flowers** – large clusters of small, yellow daisy-like flowers with a brownish centre from July to November followed by fluffy seed heads.



**Dispersal:** Prolific seeder. Seeds are dispersed by wind and dumped garden waste. Where stems touch the ground they may take root, forming new plants.

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4
<b>TREATMENT TYPE</b>	Manual	Herbicide	Herbicide	
<b>TIMING</b>	Year-round	Year-round	Spring-summer	
<b>PLANT TYPE</b>	Small plants	Large plants	Larger infestations	
<b>METHOD</b>	Pull out small plants when not in seed by hand. Dig out roots.	Cut back to ground level and paint stumps.	Cut stems below waist height & spray below this point.	
<b>MATERIALS/EQUIPMENT</b>		Vigilant Gel Use cautiously. See information on Vigilant Gel use.	Spray (10ml clopyralid/10L). Do not use clopyralid in home gardens*	
<b>DISPOSAL:</b>	Do not mulch. Dispose of all plant material at a refuse transfer station.			
<b>FOLLOW UP:</b>	Check after 6 months for re-seeding. Replant the area with dense cover to shade out germinating seeds.			
<b>REPLACE IT:</b>	Native: Rangiora ( <i>Brachyglottis repanda</i> ) Native: Whau ( <i>Entelea arborescens</i> )		Native: Tree daisy ( <i>Olearia</i> species) Exotic: Camelias and plumago	
<b>REMARKS:</b>	Best to control in winter when flowering, when highly visible but before the seeds are produced. * Clopyralid has long residues remaining in the dead plant material. If this plant material is composted or mulched, when used it can lead to adverse effects on plants it is placed around.			

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**Caution:** when using any herbicide or pesticide PLEASE READ THE LABEL THOROUGHLY to ensure that all instructions and safety requirements are followed.