



Inula conyzae

Common Name(s):

ploughman's spikenard

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Features:

Erect, shortly rhizomatous perennial up to c. 1m tall. Stems densely hairy, branched above to form infl. Lower cauline leaves sparsely to moderately hairy on upper surface, tomentose on lower, elliptic, long-cuneate, acute, finely denticulate, up to c. 15 x 14 cm; upper lvs similar but smaller and short-cuneate or obtuse at base. Capita 8-12 mm diam., many in corymbs. Outer involucral bracts sparsely hairy and ciliate, herbaceous at apex, subulate, 2-5 mm long; inner bracts sparsely hairy and ciliate, membranous, linear-lanceolate, 8-12 mm long. Ray florets numerous; ligules inconspicuous, yellow, c. 1 mm long. Disc yellow. Mature achenes not seen, sparsely hairy. (Webb et al 1988)

Flowering:

January, February

References and further reading:

Johnson, A. T. and Smith, H. A (1986). *Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning.* Landsman Bookshop Ltd: Buckenhill, UK.

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