

## What Does this Species Look Like?

**Size:** Flower heads 1-2 inches wide

Flower is 2-30 inches high

**Color:** Yellow flower

**General:** Group of leaves at the base of single stem with a yellow flower on the top

**Usually Found:** Lawns, fields, roadsides, waste sites



## Did you know?

- The common dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*) is also known as the “blowball” and “faceclock”.
- Dandelion originates from the French word “*dent de lion.*” This can be translated to “lion’s foot” which is a reference to the leaves of the plant.
- The leaves of dandelions are edible and highly nutritious.

## What am I Observing?

The timing (date) of:

- The first emergence of leaves
- The first flower heads opening
- The first mature white seed heads observed



## Why collect this data?

This species is being monitored as a part of the Eastern PA Phenology Program to determine if this plant is impacted by environmental changes.

## How do I report this data?

Observations can be reported as comments to the Eastern PA Phenology Blog:

<http://watchingtheseasons.blogspot.com/>  
or sent to [phenology@lgnc.org](mailto:phenology@lgnc.org).

## Want to find out more?

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**What is phenology?** According to the National Phenology Network, phenology refers to the study of “recurring plant and animal life cycle stages, or phenophases, such as leafing and flowering, maturation of agricultural plants, emergence of insects, and migration of birds.”

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