

2016 August *Guess that Plant*



Leontodon hispidus L., Bristly Dandelion

The August *Guess that Plant* was another little weedy annual often seen in open disturbed dry roadsides, lawns and fields. *Leontodon hispidus* is a member of the Asteraceae, the Daisy family. Its presence in NJ is apparently relatively new.

The USDA Plants Database and Hough (1983) do not show this plant with distribution in New Jersey, yet the plant is well established east of Route 9 in southern Ocean County. It's not sure if this is a recent addition to our flora or it has been overlooked due to its weedy habit and similarity to cat's ear, *Hyochoaeris radicata*.

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