

Dipsacus strigosus Willd. ex Roem. & Schult. Fam: Caprifoliaceae

Yellow-flowered Teasel

Synonyms: *Virga strigosa* (Willd. ex Roem. & Schult.) Holub

Ecology : Yellow-flowered Teasel prefers nutrient rich sites and is reported in shrub tickets in shady places and as a weed in its area of origin. It is not really appropriate as an ornamental and hardly cultivated as such. In Western and Central Europe it is found in lowland disturbed areas, grass and heathlands, riparian zones and urban areas, on rough ground, chalk pits and waste places, on moist loamy to sandy soils. In the Netherlands, Belgium and UK it still has a very local occurrence.

Threat : Yellow-flowered Teasel's presence has so far nowhere been reported as invasive. However the species is clearly increasing in recent time in Central and Western Europe

Control : As a biennial species prevention of flowering and seed set can be relatively effective to control the species if need be. In fields with annual crops no problems are foreseen.

Identification / similar species : Confusion is likely with *Dipsacus pilosus* L., but this species has flower heads only 15—25 mm across, receptacle scales almost equalling the white (as opposed to pale yellow) flowers, and purple anthers.

