

Leopard's-bane Groundsel

Senecio doronicum (L.) L., 1759

This plant is similar to arnica. Its beautiful orange-yellow flowers are grouped in large capitula* (sometimes 2 or 3), with tube-shaped flowers in the centre and a ligule (single petal) on the periphery. Doronic ragwort is characterised by its alternate, erect, lanceolate, somewhat fleshy, toothed and grey-tomentate leaves, especially on the underside. The lower ones are large and petiolate*, the upper ones smaller and sessile*.

*Capitula: in the Asteraceae, flowers inserted side by side on the enlarged tip of the peduncle.

*Petiole: leaf piece connecting the blade to the stem.

*Sessile: without stem (for a plant) or without peduncle (for a flower) or without petiole (for a leaf).

Not to confuse

Arnica has opposite leaves on the stem (facing each other). And for delicate noses, a unique scent not found in Doronic ragwort.



Common names

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Environment

Alpine and subalpine grasslands

Altitude

1300-3000 m

Season

- june-october

Size

20 to 40 cm

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