

North Microseris

Microseris alpestris



Plant and Leaves:

- Plant erect each stem holding a single flower head; stem hairless below cup of green bracts that hold flower head.
- The leaves are basal, hairless, spoon-shaped to lanceolate, 2-6 inches (5-15 cm) long with a few slender to many teeth

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Budding:

- The green sepals enclose the yellow flowers



Flowering:

- Bright yellow flower heads are solitary on a leafless stem
- Composed of ray flowers only, heads are 0.7-1.4 inches (2-3.5 cm) broad



Ripening Fruit:

- The fruits are replacing the flowers, and begin as hair-like structures concealed in a loose 'bud'. If you gently peek inside the bud you will see white (not yellow)
- Fruits develop to long white bristles, resembling a dandelion



Releasing Seed:

- When the seeds start to disperse, you can see the bare head underneath
- Much like Dandelion and Mountain Daisy, *Microseris* is wind-dispersed

****NOTE**** *Erigeron* and *Microseris* can look similar when in fruit and releasing seed, but *Microseris* seeds are less densely packed.