

Orange hawkweed season snapshot 2022–23

NSW hawkweed eradication program



On track towards eradication



Volunteers contributed
1,479 survey hours over **4 weeks**.



33 volunteers assisted with
orange hawkweed surveys.



Local land managers trained in
hawkweed identification at
3 field days.

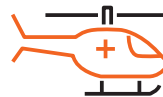


Teams found and treated **0.6 ha**
of orange hawkweed this season.

29,654 ha surveyed across
Kosciuszko National Park and
the Monaro.



NSW Hawkweed Volunteers and
partners shared **65 social media**
posts.



NPWS staff, volunteers and ACT
Parks staff completed **12 days** of
helicopter-assisted remote area
surveys.

New technologies accelerating eradication



Drones surveyed over **250 ha**
per day during peak flowering in
December and January searching
29,287 ha, a **200% increase** on the
2021–22 season.



Lower resolution imagery is being
used to detect large flowering
patches of orange hawkweed with
new detection algorithms.



Weed eradication detection dogs
confirmed **24 sites** free of
orange hawkweed.



4 new sites were found through
the drone surveys.

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