



Common Ragwort flowers in August



Ragwort rosette before flower stems emerges. A dense rosette of leaves close to the ground.

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## RAGWORT Control

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### HANDLING

Care must always be taken when handling Ragwort as its toxins can enter the body through the eyes, the skin, on contact, or may be inhaled when the plant is damaged. It is recommended that in addition to gloves, long sleeves and trousers are worn during Ragwort control. Eye goggles and face masks are sensible additional precautions.

### REMOVAL

Plants must be forked up to remove all root material. Root sections left, will each produce further plants. Plants must be bagged for destruction. Do not leave plants lying on the ground.

### RECOGNITION

From June onwards the rosette produces woody stems 30-100 cm high. Daisy-like flat-topped heads of bright yellow flowers follow. They are replaced by a multitude of downy seeds which are easily distributed by wind to further infest. The seed can lay dormant for years before germinating.

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