

Guide to the identification of *Inula britannica* (British Elecampane)



Mature *Inula britannica* plant in flower.

- Perennial reaching 6 to 30 inches in height.
- Forms a basal rosette before it bolts and flowers.
- Difficult to identify before it is in flower.
- Leaves are alternate and are sessile or clasping the stem, with small serrations on the leaf margin.
- Leaves are narrow and taper to a blunt point, 0.5 to 1 inch wide and 1.5 to 6 inches long.
- Stems and undersides of leaves are densely hairy. Upper leaf surfaces have few hairs.
- Flowerheads resemble small, yellow sunflowers, 0.75 to 1 inch in diameter, with a cluster of deep yellow to orange disk flowers at the center surrounded by yellow ray flowers.
- Fruit are light brown in color and have feather-like hairs for wind dispersal.
- Can reproduce vegetatively as well as from seed. Root sections as small as 1 inch are enough to generate a new plant.



Rosette stage of *I. britannica*.



Visible hairs on stem and leaves; small serrations on leaf margins.



Maturation of *I. britannica* flowers.



Inula britannica achenes (fruits).