Weeds of Australia - Biosecurity Queensland Edition Fact Sheet

**Roldana petasitis**

**Scientific Name**

*Roldana petasitis* (Sims) H. Rob. & Brettell

**Synonyms**

*Cineraria petasitis* Sims  
*Senecio petasitis* (Sims) DC.

**Family**

Asteraceae (Queensland, New South Wales, the ACT, Victoria, Tasmania, Western Australia and the Northern Territory)  
Compositae (South Australia)

**Common Names**

California geranium, roldana, velvet groundsel

**Origin**

Native to southern Mexico and Central America (i.e. El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua).

**Naturalised Distribution**

Naturalised in some parts of south-eastern Australia (i.e. in the coastal districts of northern and central New South Wales and in southern Victoria). Also naturalised on Lord Howe Island and sparingly naturalised in south-eastern Queensland.

Also naturalised in New Zealand.

**Notes**

Velvet groundsel (*Roldana petasitis*) is regarded as an environmental weed in New South Wales.

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large clusters of small yellow flower-heads (Photo: Trevor James)

close-up of flower-heads, each with several tiny tubular flowers (Photo: Trevor James)

young plant (Photo: Sheldon Navie)