

Launaea intybacea

System: Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Magnoliopsida	Asterales	Asteraceae

Common name achicoria azul (English), bitter lettuce (English)

Synonym *Bracyrhamphus intybaceus* , (Jacq.) DC.
Lactuca intybacea , Jacq.

Similar species

Summary Bitter lettuce (*Launaea intybacea*) is a native of Africa and has been introduced to parts of lower Northern America, the West Indies, Central America, South America, temperate and tropical Asia. A cosmopolitan weed it is adapted to dry conditions. It is reported to be spreading rapidly in disturbed areas on Grand Cayman.



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