

Euryops multifidus [简体中文](#) [正體中文](#)

System: Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Magnoliopsida	Asterales	Asteraceae

Common name euryops (English), hawk's eye (English), sweet resinbush (English)

Synonym *Othonna multifida* , Thunb.

Similar species

Summary *Euryops multifidus* commonly known as sweet resin bush, is a medium-sized shrub. When the shrub blooms in late winter to early spring, hundreds of small, yellow, daisy-like inflorescences nearly hide the bright-green foliage. It is found in semi-arid grasslands and can readily establish in the midst of vigorous existing grassland vegetation. *E. multifidus*'s spread causes dramatic changes in native ecosystems. As the plants grow and spread, they exclude nearly all species of native grasses and shrubs, forming a monoculture. There is little available information regarding the management of this species, but the USDA Forest Service is currently researching methods of control.



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Species Description

Euryops multifidus is described as a medium-sized shrub (usually less than 0.9m tall). It has small leaves (2.5cm long), each leaf is divided into three to five narrow lobes, which look like the tracks of tiny turkeys. The shrub is usually in leaf throughout the winter and spring, and sheds its leaves during dry seasons. *E. multifidus* belongs to the sunflower family (Asteraceae). When the shrub blooms in late winter to early spring, hundreds of small, yellow, daisy-like inflorescences nearly hide the bright-green foliage. The name 'sweet resinbush' comes from the sweet, but disagreeable odor of the flowers and the drops of resin exuded by the woody stems (USDA-Forest Service, Undated).

Habitat Description

Euryops multifidus grows on hillsides and mesas in the semiarid grasslands (Van Auken, 2000). Seedlings of *E. multifidus* readily establish in the midst of vigorous existing grassland vegetation (USDA-Forest Service, Undated).

Reproduction

Euryops multifidus flowers produce an abundant seed crop by April or May. The seeds form in star-like clusters of about ten fruits. Most of the seeds drop to the ground around the parent plant, seedlings are found near and around established plants. Fruit are covered with fine \"hair\" that allow them to cling to animal fur and clothing. This creates a great potential for seed transport and establishment of new populations (Schalau, 2001).

General Impacts

Euryops multifidus is not eaten by domestic or native herbivores. It grows on hillsides and mesas in the semiarid grasslands, and native grasses and woody plants have disappeared from areas where it is found (Van Auken, 2000). The USDA-Forest Service (Undated) states that, "\"*E. multifidus*'s spread causes dramatic changes in native ecosystems. As the plants grow and spread, they exclude nearly all species of native grasses and shrubs, forming a monoculture. Once established, the populations persist because young plants readily grow beneath canopies of older plants.\" The authors go on to state that, "\"*E. multifidus* is becoming an environmental bulldozer, slowly and inexorably killing off all other vegetation-food for both wildlife and livestock-as it expands its territory.\""

Management Info

Integrated management: Littlefield (2002) reports that, plant biologists at the Santa Rita Experimental Range in southeastern Arizona, are researching various eradication and management techniques. Control methods include mechanical removal along with application of an herbicide, followed by careful monitoring for new sweet resin bush plants and hopefully, reestablishment of native plants.\"

Schalau (2001) states that, "\"In 1999, the Forest Service tried to burn the *E. multifidus* population. The burn was not successful due to the lack of fuels to carry the fire. The proposed action for 2000 is to use an Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) approach. IVM uses a variety of techniques to increase control success. Mowing would be used to reduce plant size. Mowing would be followed by hand spraying of herbicide and hand digging. Mowing would also stress the plants and reduce the quantity of herbicide required to kill the plants. The herbicides they propose using would have negligible effects on non-target plants and animals.\""

Pathway

The USDA-Forest Service (UNDATED) states that *E. multifidus* was introduced into the United States in the 1930s by USDA researchers and the Civilian Conservation Corps, in an effort to re-vegetate rangelands that was based on an erroneous observation that this species was readily eaten by livestock.

Principal source: [Sweet Resinbush \(*Euryops subcarnosus*\) \(USDA-Forest Service, Undated\)](#)

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General information

[ITIS \(Integrated Taxonomic Information System\), 2004. Online Database *Euryops multifidus*](#)

Summary: An online database that provides taxonomic information, common names, synonyms and geographical jurisdiction of a species. In addition links are provided to retrieve biological records and collection information from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) Data Portal and bioscience articles from BioOne journals.

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