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*Taraxacum bicorne*

[Synonyms : *Taraxacum glaucanthum*, *Taraxacum koksaghyz*]

**RUSSIAN DANDELION** is a perennial. Native to Turkistan it has pale to bright yellow flower heads.

It is also known as *Kok-saghyz* (Russian), *Pampeliška kok sagyz* (Czech), and *Púpava* (Slovak). *Bicorne* is derived from Latin *bi-* (two) and *corni-* (horn) components meaning ‘two horned or with horn-like spurs’.

In 1931 the Russian dandelion’s latex was found to be suitable for making rubber and during the 2nd World War the Russians actually used the roots of this species as a source of latex for commercial rubber production.