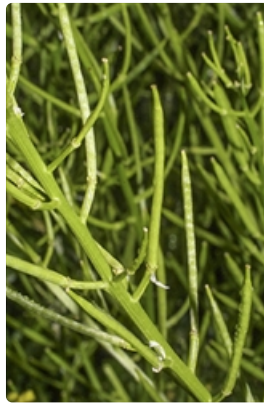


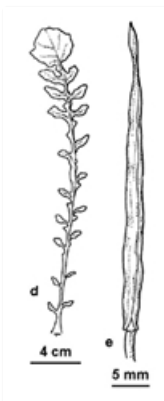
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Namadji National Park, ACT



Seed cases on stem. Photographer Steven J Baskauf, Tennessee, USA



Line drawings. d. basal leaf; e. seed case. MMBir, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Wintercress, American cress

## Family

Brassicaceae

## Where found

Garden **escape**. Mainly ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park. Occasionally Sydney area, Blue Mountains, and elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced biennial** herb to 0.75 m high. Stems usually hairless. Basal leaves to 20 cm long, **dissected**, with 5–10 pairs of lobes, the **terminal** segment conspicuously larger than the **lateral segments**. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, upper leaves dissected, with **linear** lobes. Flowers with 4 yellow **petals** each 5–7 mm long. Flowers in clusters. Seed case 3–7 cm long, 1.5–2 mm wide, its stalk curved, **spreading**, stout, 3–6 mm long, more than half as broad as the seed case. Seeds about 2.5 mm long, rounded, with no **wing**.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Barbarea-verna> (accessed 4 January, 2021)

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