

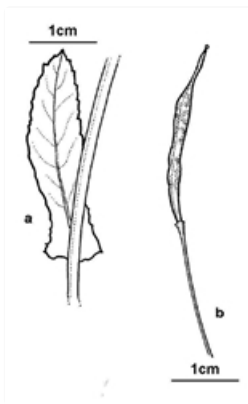
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Fruiting plants. Photographer Greinsteidl Germany



Line drawings. a. upper stem leaf; b. seed case. M Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria. © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Cauliflower, Collards

Family

Brassicaceae

Where found

Occasionally **naturalised**. Mainly Sydney area. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced biennial or **perennial** herb to 3 m high. Leaves more or less fleshy. Stems hairless, becoming woody, with conspicuous basal leaf scars. Leaves basal and **alternating** up the stems, **glaucous**, hairless. Lower leaves to 40 cm long, stalked, broad and rounded, margins variously scalloped, occasionally lobed; upper leaves not lobed, stalkless, stem-clasping, **bract**-like. Flowers yellow, with 4 **petals** 10–25 mm long. Flowers in elongated clusters. Flowers Sep.–Nov. Seed cases **spreading** horizontally, then becoming **erect**, 5–10 cm long, including the **beak**, 2–5 mm wide, cylindrical, or weakly compressed. Beak 5–11 mm long, with 1 or 2 seeds. Stalk 10–30 mm long. Seeds dark brown to black.

Cultivated as a vegetable.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Brassica~oleracea> (accessed 6 January, 2021)

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