

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



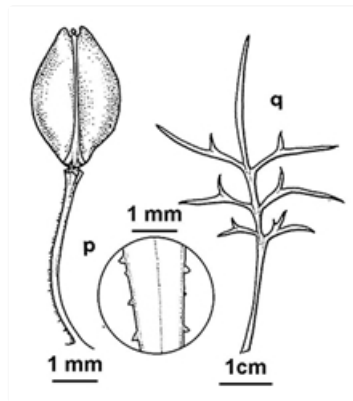
Flowering and seeding stems and leafy stem  
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Line drawings. p. seed case; q. leaf with margin detail. M.Moir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

A peppercross

## Family

Brassicaceae

## Where found

Grassy **woodland**, **grassland**, bare ground, and rocky places. Coast, Sydney area. Ranges and tablelands south of the Hume Highway. ACT. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Annual** or **biennial** herb to 0.6 m high. Stems hairless or with scattered hairs. Basal leaves to 9 cm long, deeply **dissected**, with **linear** lobes, margins fringed. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, similar, becoming smaller, eventually linear and **entire**. Flowers tiny, with 4 **petals**, reduced or absent, and 4 **sepals** 0.5–1 mm long. Flowers in an unbranched cluster which elongates in seed. Flowering mostly spring–summer. Seed cases elliptical, 2.5–3 mm long, 2–2.5 mm wide, with narrow **wings** in the upper half forming a slight narrow notch (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Stalks of seed cases 2.5–6 mm long, somewhat flattened, **spreading**, hairy with fine hairs above.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lepidium-pseudotasmanicum> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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