

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering and seeding stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mblonglo gorge, ACT



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park



Line drawing in Britton, N.L., and A. Brown. 1913. *An illustrated flora of the northern United States, Canada and the British Possessions*. Vol. 2: 161

## Common name

Yellow cress, Marsh watercress

## Family

Brassicaceae

## Where found

Wet mud or sand, usually near streams or lakes, or in swampy situations. Widespread.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** or **biennial** herb to 1 m tall. Stems hairless, furrowed, often red. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2-12 cm long, hairless, sometimes hairy, margins deeply lobed and toothed. Basal leaves with rounded lobes at the base. Stem leaves similar, becoming smaller and sometimes **entire**. Flowers with 4 yellow **petals** each 1-2 mm long. Flowers in elongated clusters at the tops of the stems. Flowers mostly spring–summer. 'Pods' swollen, curved, 0.4–0.9 cm long, 2–3 mm wide, stalks **spreading** to horizontal, 4–10 mm long.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Rorippa~palustris> (accessed 5 February, 2021)

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