

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and seed cases. Photographer Russell Best, near Sunbury, Vic



Plant. Photographer James Booth, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Twiggy Turnip

Family

Brassicaceae

Where found

Weed. Disturbed sites. Sydney area and west towards Bathurst.

Notes

Introduced biennial or **perennial** herb to 0.5 m high. Stems usually hairless, often almost **glaucous**, sometimes bristly. Basal leaves to 15 cm long, **dissected**, with 2 or 3 pairs of more or less rounded lobes, the **terminal** lobe conspicuously larger than the **lateral** lobes. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, sparsely bristly; upper leaves becoming smaller up the stems, eventually **linear** and more or less **entire**. Flowers with 4 **petals** about 9-10 mm long, pale yellow fading to white. Flowers in elongating clusters. Flowers most of year except mid-summer. Seed cases 1-4 cm long, about 1-2 mm wide, **midvein** not prominent, more or less constricted between the seeds, seeds spaced 5-8 per cm in each half. **Beak** 1-7 mm long, with 0-2 seeds. Stalk fine, 10-20 mm long. Seeds red-brown.

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

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