

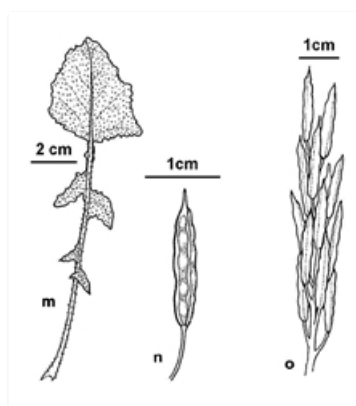
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Barry Breckling, California, USA



Flowering stems. Photographer Barry Breckling, California, USA



Line drawings. m. basal leaf; n. seed case; o. seeding branch.
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Common name

Black Mustard

Family

Brassicaceae

Where found

Grassy areas, crops, roadsides, and waste areas. Mainly Sydney and within about 30 km of Bathurst. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual herb. Stems to 1 m high. Bristly at the base of the plant and becoming hairless above. Basal and lower leaves to 16 cm long, bristly on both sides, with 1–3 pairs of irregularly-toothed lobes. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, higher leaves **entire**, hairless, and often **glaucous**. Flowers bright yellow, with 4 **petals** each 7–9 mm long. Flowers in crowded clusters. Flowers Nov.–Jan. Seed cases **erect** and close to the stems, 1–2 cm long, (including the **beak**), 1–2 mm wide, 4-angled; slightly constricted between the seeds, **midvein** prominent. Beak 1–3 mm long, seedless. Stalk 3–8 mm long. Seeds dark red-brown.

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

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