Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Flant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, between Oulcairn and Walbundrie



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Common name

Field Mustard, Turnip

Family

Brassicaceae

Where found

Widely cultivated and established as a weed. Roadsides, waste places and other disturbed sites, and occasionally on coastal headlands. Coast and ranges north from Port Kembla. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual or biennial herb to 1 m high, branched, with a stout taproot. Stems often bristly. Basal leaves 15–40 cm long, deeply lobed, the terminal lobe larger than the lateral lobes, surfaces bristly; upper leaves more or less entire and becoming bract-like. Flowers with 4 bright yellow petals each 6–11 mm long. Flowers in clusters. Flowers mainly spring and autumn. Seed cases obliquely erect, 4–7 cm long (including the beak), about 3 mm wide, somewhat constricted between the seeds; midrib prominent. Beak 5–22 mm long, seedless or rarely with 1 seed. Stalk 5–30 mm long. Seeds red to black-brown.

PlantNET description: http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Brassica~rapa (accessed 18 April 2021)

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