

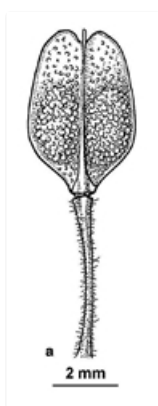
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering and fruiting stem. Photographer Jackie Mles, Charlotte Pass



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Line drawing. a. seed case. MMoir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Field Cress

## Family

Brassicaceae

## Where found

Weed. Roadsides and crops. North from Campbelltown. Kosciuszko National Park. Occasionally elsewhere. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** or **biennial** herb to 0.6 m high, densely covered with **spreading** hairs. Leaves basal and **alternating** up the stems. Basal leaves to 7 cm long, margins **entire** or toothed to slightly lobed, withering early. Stem leaves 3–6 cm long, 3–7 mm wide, more or less narrow-triangular, margins entire to toothed, bases stem clasping, basal **auricles** prominent and pointed. Flowers with 4 **sepals** about 1.5 mm long, and 4 white **petals** about 2 mm long. Flowers in an unbranched cluster up the stem which elongates in seed. Flowers spring–summer. Seed cases broadly oval, 5–6 mm long, 4–5 mm wide, broadly **winged**, notched at the tips. (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see.) Stalks of seed cases 5–6 mm long, hairy.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lepidium~campestre> (accessed 17 January, 2021)

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