

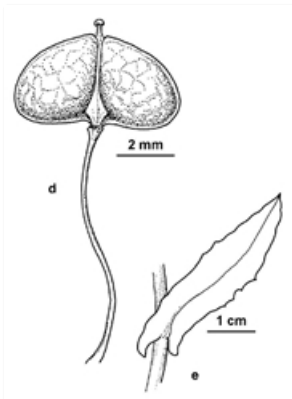
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Plant. Australian Plant Image Index, Photographer RG & FJ Richardson, Ceres, Vic



Seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, Photographer RG & FJ Richardson, near Bacchus Marsh, Vic



Line drawings (as *Cardaria draba*). MMBir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board. d. seed case; e. stem leaf.

Common name

Hoary Cress, White Weed

Family

Brassicaceae

Where found

Pastures, crops, gardens, roadsides, and neglected areas. Tablelands, ACT, and Western Slopes.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 0.9 m tall or sprawling, hairy. The well developed **lateral** roots produce new shoots from buds that occur along their length. The woody taproot reaches to about 2 m deep. Stems ribbed. Leaves basal and **alternating** up the stems, greyish green or bluish green, oblong to wedge-shaped, margins toothed, scalloped, or **entire**. Basal leaves to 10 cm long. Stem leaves to 7.5 cm long, margins toothed, often wavy, bases stem clasping. Flowers fragrant, with 4 white **petals** each 3–4 mm long. Flowers in dense clusters at the tops of the stems. Flowers mostly spring. Seed cases **cordate**, 2–5 mm long, 3.5–5 mm wide, inflated, tips blunt to rounded, with a network of **veins** on the surface, separating into 1- or 2-seeded portions. (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see.) Stalks of seed cases 4–15 mm long.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lepidium~draba> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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