

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



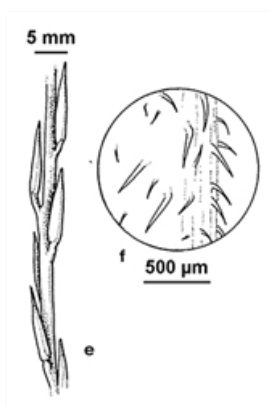
Flowers. Photographer Malcolm Storey, England



Stem and leaf. Photographer Keir Morse, Oregon, USA



Flowering stem. Photographer JK Johnson, unknown place



Line drawings. e. seeding branch; f. stem hairs. M Morse, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens

Common name

Hedge mustard

Family

Brassicaceae

Where found

Weed of pastures, crops, roadsides, and disturbed sites. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced annual or **biennial** herb to 0.9 m high, rough with coarse hairs. Basal leaves in a **rosette**, to 25 cm long but often much shorter, deeply **dissected**, margins toothed. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, becoming smaller up the stems. Flowers with 4 yellow **petals** 2–4 mm long. Flowers in branched clusters. Flowers mostly spring. 'Pods' narrow conical, 0.8–2 cm long, 2 mm wide at the base, straight; stalks 1–3 mm long, thick, pointing up or closely **appressed** to the stem.

No other Brassicaceae in Australia have narrow-conical 'pods' appressed to the stems.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Sisymbrium~officinale> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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