

Turkish rocket

Bunias orientalis

Description

Habit

Perennial or biennial semi-rosette plant reaching a height of 1.6-2.9 feet.

Leaves

Lower leaves have large, three-cornered edges or sharp-edged, pinnate with 1-2 pairs of lateral leaflets and a large, clefted terminal leaflet, sometimes entire; upper leaves are entire to pinnatifid.

Stems

Erect, 10-45 in. tall and branched in the upper region as flowering begins. Covered in tubercules (warty bumps) and somewhat hairy.

Flowers

4-8 mm. long, very fragrant, yellow in color, entire or truncate.

Fruits and Seeds





5-10 mm. long, asymmetrically ovoid, 2-4 seeds,
covered with small, irregular protuberances.

Habitat

Native to southern Europe and Russia. Can be found in fields, roadsides, dry grasslands and meadows, railways, and floodplain meadows.

Reproduction

By seed.

Similar

Yellow gardenrocket but can be distinguished by its leaf shape, stem texture, height and fruits.

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Control should be done in late autumn or before seeds mature. Mechanical/manual control requires two cuttings during the summer.

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