

## Wild mustard

### *Sinapis arvensis*

#### Description

This species is listed under <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/plant-pest/plant-health-certification-and-export/seed> Regulation No. 715 - Seed Law Implementation as a restricted noxious weed by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

#### Habit

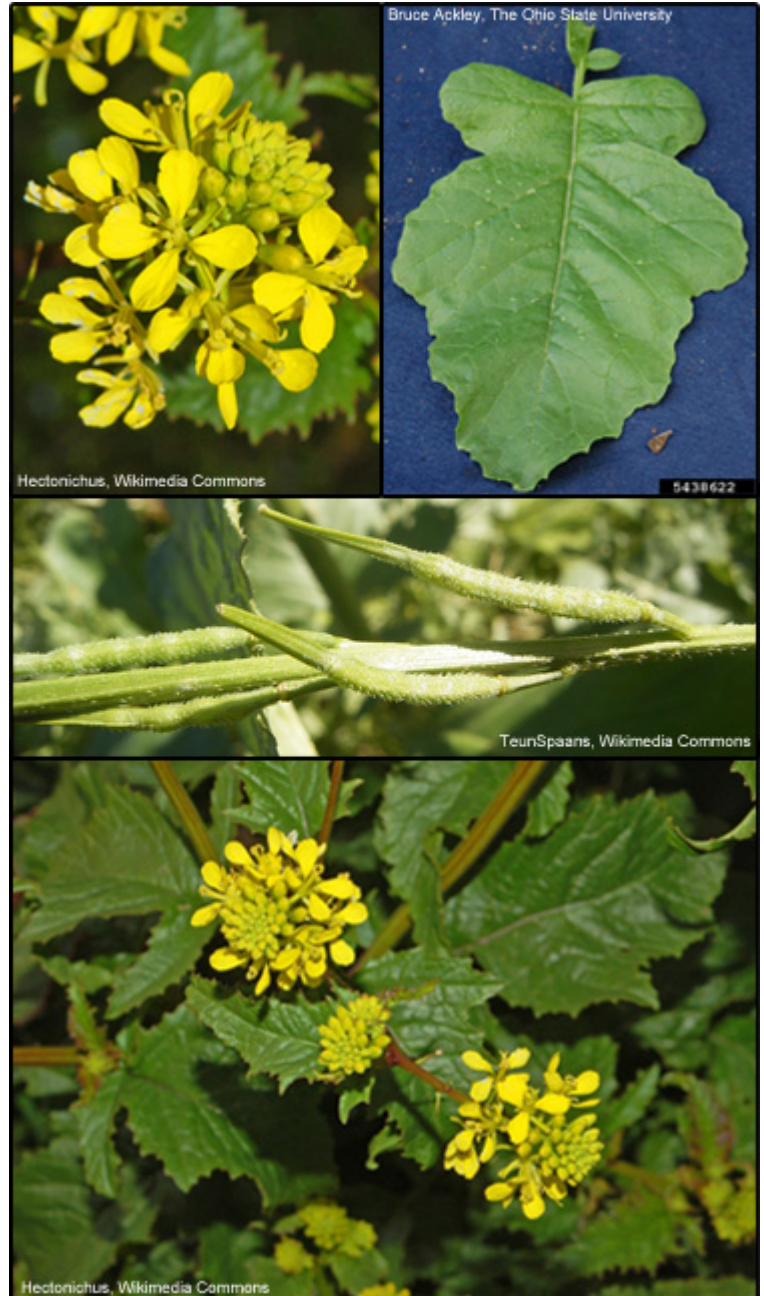
Annual, growing up to 1-3 ft. tall and branching occasionally.

#### Leaves

1.5-7 in. long, 0.5-2 in. wide, irregularly toothed, mostly hairless, broadly oval to egg-shaped. Lower leaves are stalked with 1-3 pairs of irregular lobes becoming stalkless and unlobed in the upper branches.

#### Stems

Green or with reddish pigmentation especially near leaf axils, erect, amply branched, mostly smooth except for scattered, coarse hairs, more





dense on mid-lower stems.

### **Flowers**

Elongated clusters, tightly packed, short-stalked, borne at the end of branching stems, yellow in color, 1/2 in. across, 4 petals, 6 yellow stamen in the middle.

### **Fruits and Seeds**

Slender, round, 1/2 to 1.5 in. pod, beak at the tip. Seeds are round, small, less than 1/10 in. in diameter, dark brown to black, brown or reddish in color.

### **Habitat**

Native to Eurasia. Found in disturbed places such as roadsides, fields, railroads, dumps, shores, yards and gardens, and fencerows.

### **Reproduction**

By seed and vegetatively.

### **Similar**

Can be easily distinguished from other mustard (*Sinapis* spp. / *Brassica* spp.) species by the presence of reddish purple rings or patches at the junction of its stems.

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