

## Common dogmustard

### *Erucastrum gallicum*

#### Description

First collected in Michigan in 1922 along railroad tracks in Washtenaw County.

#### Habit

#### Leaves

Deeply divided, oblong or oblanceolate, pinnately lobed, 3-10 major lobes per side; lobes mostly narrow, shallowly lobed and rounded at lobe tips, terminal lobe largest. Basal and lower leaves 1-11 inches long, 1/3-4 inches wide, smaller as they ascend the stem. Sparsely covered in stiff, curved, appressed white hairs.

#### Stems

Branched, erect to ascending, sparsely to moderately covered in stiff, curved, appressed white hairs.

#### Flowers

Elongated clusters at the top and ends of



branching stems, pale yellow to nearly white in color, 1/4 to 1/3 inch wide, 4 rounded petals, spatula shaped, narrow at the base, wide spreading at the tip, 6 yellow stamens, 4 sepals that are erect, lance-oblong green to reddish in color and sparsely covered in stiff, curved white hairs.

### **Fruits and Seeds**

Smooth, slender, 4-sided pod, 3/4 to 1.5 inches long, short beak at the tip, ascending to slightly curved upwards. Seeds are reddish brown, 1-1.5 mm long, with a honeycomb texture.

### **Habitat**

Native to Europe. Can be found in roadsides, railroads, dumps, gravel pits, gardens, vacant lots, limestone quarries, shores and other disturbed sites.

### **Reproduction**

By seed.

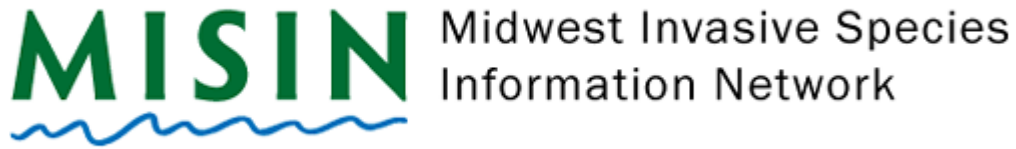
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### **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

Small infestations can be hand pulled.

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