



Fig. 1 Flower cluster
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Tall tumble-mustard
Sisymbrium altissimum
Mustard Family (Brassicaceae)



Fig. 2 Lower leaf saw toothed edges
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Quick Reference

Winter annual
Responds to rains

Growing season(s)
Spring-summer

Flowers time(s):
May-July

Key Characteristics

Vegetation (Figures 2, 3, 4, 5)

- Plant, Stem/Branch: **green; 2-5 feet tall, single to multiple branches, weedy looking; hairy** at base, **hairless** above
- Stem leaves: **green, to 6 inches long; alternate** on stem; **lance** shaped to **deeply divided into lobes**
Lower leaves: **bunched** together; **saw-toothed edges, deeply divided; rosette** develops with winter rains

Flowers (Figures 1, 3, 5)

Flower: **4 pale yellow to white** petals; **¼ inch long in X formation**; young flowers and buds **cluster** at stem tip
Fruit: **green, slender pods 1 to 4 inches long; spaced along stem and pointing outward**

Habitat and Distribution: (Figure 4, 5)

Plants invade fields, disturbed open areas, spreads by seeds

Similar Native and Invasive Species: **see *Sisymbrium* all species**

Common name	Scientific name	Distinguishing characters
Tansy mustard	Descurainia species (6)(2 invasives)	Finely divided leaves; short club-shaped fruits

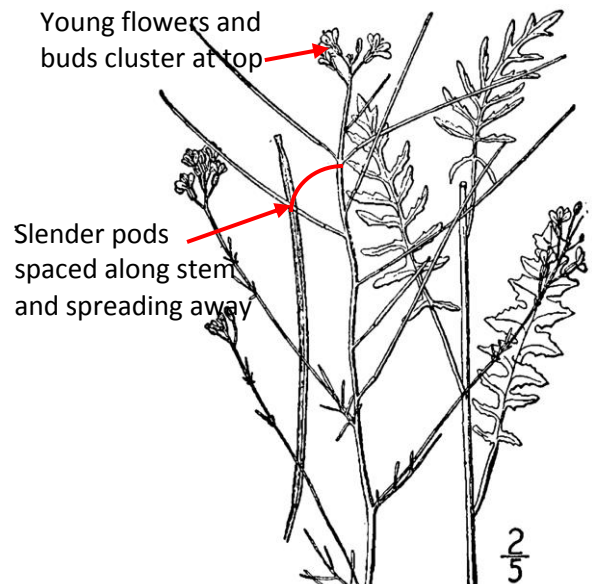


Fig. 5 Plant Illustration
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Fig. 4 Leaf Rosettes – deeply divided
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Pulling tips

- Pull and bag (bake the seeds) before disposal
- LEAVES ARE EDIBLE