



Fig. 1 Flowers  
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**Indian hedgemustard**  
*Sisymbrium orientale*  
Mustard Family  
(Brassicaceae)



Long pods spread  
away from stem

Fig. 2 Flowers and slender pods  
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**Quick Reference**

Annual  
Growing season(s)  
Flowering time(s):  
January - May

**Key Characteristics**

**Vegetation** (Figures 2, 3, 4, 5)

- Plant: **green**; grows up to **3 feet** tall; **thin, erect, and weedy** looking
- Stem/Branch: **green; single stem branching** from base, **hairy**
- Lower leaves: **clustered** at base; **1-4 inches** long; **lance shaped** with **2 lance shaped lobes** at base  
Upper leaves: **smaller, lance-shaped**; upper flower stems lack leaves

**Flowers** (Figures 1, 2, 4, 5)

- Flower: **4 pale yellow 1/3 inch long petals in X shape**; flowers **clusters** at stem tops
- Fruit: **many slender pods 2 -3 1/2 inches** long, **spreading at nearly 90°** from stem

**Habitat and Distribution** (Figure 7)

Plants found in disturbed areas and fields; spreads by seeds

**Pulling tips**

- Pull and bag (bake the seeds) before disposal



Fig. 3 Lower Leaf  
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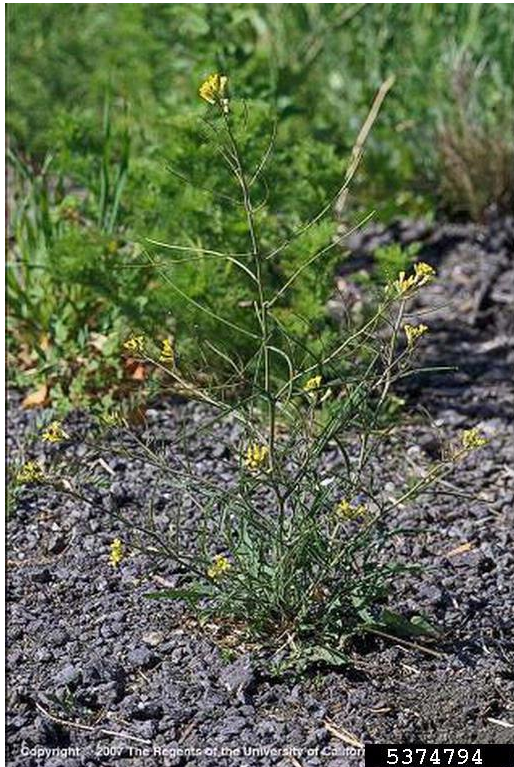
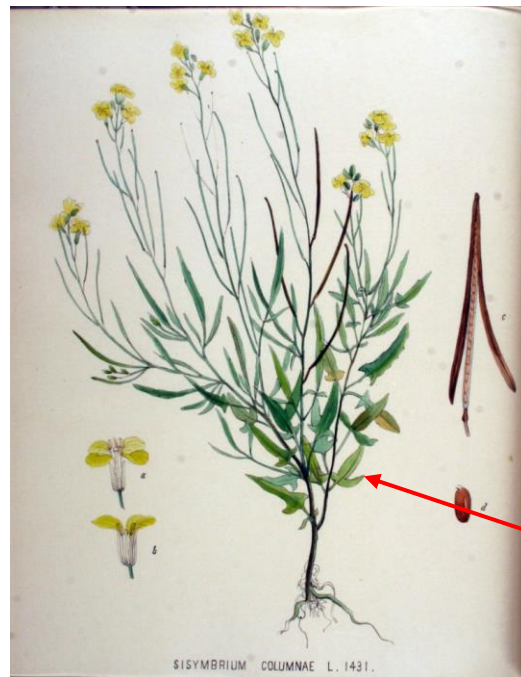


Fig. 4 Whole Plant- inconspicuous  
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Deeply lobed lower  
leaves

Fig. 5 Plant Illustration  
Flora Batava of Afbeelding en Beschrijving van Nederlandsche  
Gewassen, XVII Deel (1877) WikiCommons

Similar Native Species and Invasive Species: See *Sisymbrium*. all species

Common name	Scientific name	Distinguishing character
Tansy mustard	<i>Descurainia</i> species (6)(2 Invasive)	<b>Finely divided leaves; short club-shaped fruits</b>



Fig. 6 *Descurainia pinnata*-native  
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Fig. 7 *Descurainia pinnata* – Tansy Mustard  
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