

****Raphanus raphanistrum*****WILD RADISH**

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Flowering period: August–November.**Description:** Annual weedy herb to 1 m high. Forms a rosette to 30 cm diameter of lobed, rough leaves covered in stiff hairs. Flower stems also covered in stiff hairs, arising from the centre of the rosette and highly divaricating with 3 cm wide flowers scattered along stems, can be variously coloured from white to yellow and pink. Seeds in elongated capsules to 8 cm long break into one-seeded segments that fall to the ground and become the main dispersal unit.**Pollination:** Open pollinated by a wide variety of insects.**Distribution:** Widespread weed from Europe that responds to disturbance.**Control:** With general glyphosate-based herbicides applied to the early rosette at early flowering stage. In agricultural areas herbicide-resistant types are thought to occur. The species has a long-lived soil seed bank and vigilance is required to ensure there is minimal soil disturbance where this species occurs.**Notes:** Wild turnip (*Brassica tournefortii*) is another member of the brassica family that is troublesome in dune vegetation conservation. Distinguished from wild radish in the prominent basal rosette that is tightly ground hugging, and the leafless flower stem that is highly branching and dries to form a roly-poly seed head that dislodges and can roll through dunes distributing seeds. Control as for wild radish.Flower of *Brassica tournefortii*.

Habit



Flowers



Fruit



Distribution