

WILD MUSTARD

BRASSICA ARVENSIS



IDENTIFYING WILD MUSTARD

Wild Mustard grows to be between one and three feet tall. The stems are covered in fine white hairs that point down. It has alternate leaves that vary in shape and get smaller as they go up the stalk. Yellow flowers with four petals make this plant easy to spot in a field.

SPREAD OF WILD MUSTARD

Wild Mustard originated in Europe, Asia, and North Africa. Once established in the states it quickly became a pest. It quickly moves into deserted cultivated fields. It grows early in the cool spring weather and can out compete other plants.

MANY NAMES

- Wild mustard is known by many names including Charlock and Crunchweed. Scientific names include *Brassica Kaber Pinnatifida*, *Brassica Arvensis*, and *Sinapis Arvensis*.

CONTROL

If caught early, Wild Mustard can be controlled by cultivating the seedlings. After it has been established it can be more difficult to remove. Chemical applications are also used to control the weed.

