

# Yellow rocket

*Barbarea vulgaris*

\* Compare to *Raphanus raphanistrum* and *Sinapis arvensis*

**SOMEWHAT INVASIVE – established in the region**

Invasive habitat: grows in partial shade to full sun, in fields, forest edges, roadsides, and shorelines.

Native range: Europe and Asia



Common in gardens and waste areas



## IDENTIFICATION



Growth form: biennial or short-lived perennial that grows 8-32" and branches out toward the top.

Leaves: dark green, shiny, pinnately-lobed claspings leaves are deeply toothed. Basal leaves are 6" long x 2.5" wide; higher leaves are smaller. Leaves have large terminal lobes.



Flowers: yellow flowers are 4-parted and grow in clusters (racemes). Flowers are 1/3" wide, and clusters are 1-1.5" wide. Blooms April-June.



Seeds: many brown seeds develop in 1" long slender green pods.

## CONTROL



Manual: pulling or digging can be effective on small populations; dispose of or burn flowerheads.



Chemical: herbicides appropriate for broadleaf plants are effective in controlling populations.



Mechanical: repeated mowing can prevent flowering and reduce seed production.



Cultural: planting native wildflowers will provide competition.