

MARSH YELLOW CRESS

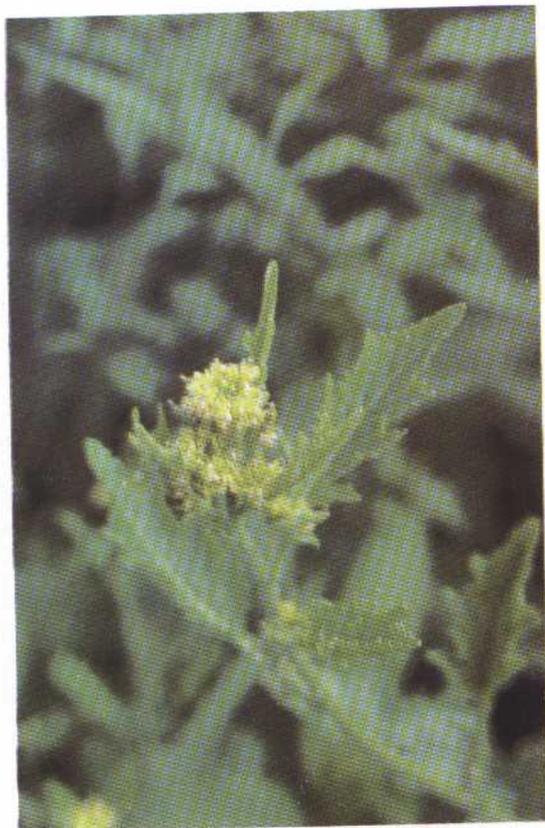
Rorippa islandica

Located on wet shores and damp places throughout the Division. Also known as Yellow Water- or Wood-Cress. A highly variable species with several recognized varieties.

An erect, branching annual or biennial; stems and leaves of some varieties hairy; 0.1 to 1.3 m high. Leaves alternate; lower deeply divided or sometimes just toothed, with stalks; lobes are pointed or blunt, wavy or toothed margins; 7.0 to 25 cm long; upper leaves nearly stalkless, toothed or somewhat lobed. Flowers small, 3 to 5 mm wide, yellow, with 4 petals; blooming from May to October. Seed pods are long and narrow, less than to twice as long as their stalk; 2 to 10 mm long, 1 to 4 mm thick.

Ducks, muskrat and deer eat foliage which may remain available during northern winters.





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