PLANT FACT SHEET

Brassica kaber (DC.) L. C. Wheeler

GENUS *Brassica* **FAMILY** Brassicaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild Mustard, Charlock

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A cabbage family herb. It grows 25-65 cm high. The lower leaves vary in size and are deeply divided. The upper leaves are small and have deep teeth. The flowers are small and yellow. They are 5 mm across. They are in dense clusters. The fruit is a long smooth pod.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It will grow in most soils. It is resistant to frost but damaged by drought.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by seed.

NOTES

There are about 30 Brassica species and many cultivated varieties.

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