

Annual mustard species - Blue mustard (*Chorispora tenella*), Flixweed (*Descurainia sophia*), Tumble mustard (*Sisymbrium altissimum*), Yellow alyssum (*Alyssum alyssoides*)



Flaxweed

These plants all display similar growth habits, site characteristics and responses to management methods. Annual mustards typically germinate in the fall, to a lesser extent in the spring, flower early in the spring and dry down by July. These species are quick to invade disturbed sites but are not competitive once perennial grasses are established.



Tumble mustard, blue mustard, and yellow alyssum

The most effective herbicides for controlling annual mustards are Escort, Plateau/Panoramic, and Telar. Mustard species are frequently referenced in the herbicide guide because of this plant family's unique tolerance to numerous herbicides used for managing other noxious weeds.

No insect biocontrol agents are available for control of these species. Mustards are generally not palatable to livestock.

Hand pulling and digging are effective methods for control of annual plants.