Marsh yellowcress
*Rorippa palustris* L. (Bess)

**Life cycle**
Taprooted annual or biennial. Occasionally, a weak perennial.

**Leaves**
Alternate, variably shaped leaves initially develop from a basal rosette. Leaves are deeply lobed with a large terminal lobe and three to seven other lobes. The upper stem leaves are smaller with lobed to toothed margins and, occasionally, winged petioles with earlobe-shaped bases.

**Stems**
Branched or unbranched stems arise from a basal rosette to flower, usually less than 2 feet in height.

Marsh yellowcress rosette.
Marsh yellowcress continued

**Flowers and fruit**
Small, light yellow flowers with four petals are found in terminal clusters. Fruit are small, globe- to short cylinder-shaped capsules with a slight upward curve. Each capsule contains numerous, tiny, yellowish brown seeds.

**Reproduction**
Seeds.

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Marsh yellowcress plant.

Marsh yellowcress flower.
Similar weeds
Yellow fieldcress

[Rorippa sylvestris (L.) Bess.]
Differs by having a perennial nature with prolific, aggressive creeping roots and more deeply lobed leaves. Flowers are more conspicuous and brightly colored. Capsules are smaller and usually do not contain seeds.