

KING'S GOLD (TWISSELMANNIA CALIFORNICA)

California Native Plant Society List 1B

Description

Kings gold is an annual herb in the mustard family (Brassicaceae). The slender stems can be from 2.8 to 10 inches (7 to 25 cm) tall, and the leaves are deeply lobed. The flowers of Kings gold are distributed along the upper part of the stem. They have four tiny, yellow petals and appear in March. The pods are more noticeable than the flowers. They are triangular to heart-shaped and are approximately 0.2 inch (5 mm) long and equally broad.

Habitat

Kings gold grows in the saltbush scrub community.

Range/distribution

It is named for its place of origin, Kings County. This species also was collected historically in Kern County.

Photo: Not yet available.

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