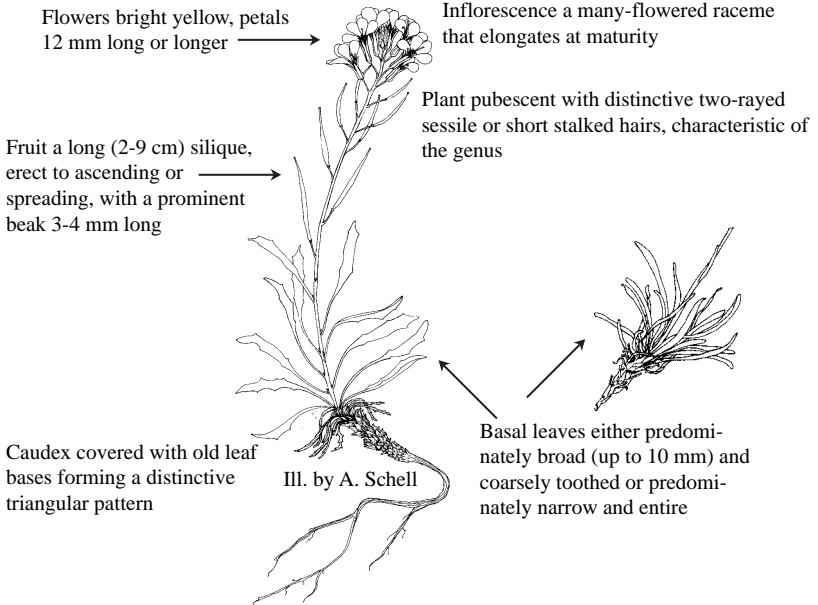


Narrow-leaved prairie rocket

Erysimum asperum var. *angustatum* (Rydb.) Boivin



Perennial herb, up to 45 cm tall, with a very long taproot, and stout caudex

Brassicaceae

Distribution: Restricted to the region of the upper Yukon and Porcupine Rivers in Alaska. Also found in the southwestern Yukon Territory near Dawson and Kluane Lake.

Habitat: Steep, dry, south-facing rubble slopes, outcrops and dry grasslands, from 800 - 3,400 ft. elevation. Usually found in sparsely vegetated sites.

Similar Species: *E. inconspicuum* (S.Wats.) MacMill. has shorter petals (8-12 mm long) and fruits with a shorter beak (0.3-1.0 mm long). *E. cheiranthoides* L. has much smaller flowers (petals 4-5 mm long) and predominantly three-forked hairs on its stem, leaves, and fruits.

Notes: Flowering June through July, fruiting July and August. Many authors elevate this taxon to the rank of species, as *E. angustatum* Rydb.

References: Batten et al. 1979; Cody 1996; Harris 1993; Hultén 1968; Murray 1980; Murray and Lipkin 1987; Rollins 1993; Welsh 1974.



Erysimum asperum
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Erysimum asperum habitat

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