

# Western wallflower

Brassicaceae

*Erysimum capitatum*

*ssp. capitatum*



## In the Garden

Foothill wallflower is a fragrant perennial (often biennial) that usually grows to a height of 1-2', but can reach a size of 2' wide by 3' tall showing 25+ flower sprays.

This short lived or biennial plant will re-sow and replace the mother plants.

The fragrant flowers range in color from yellow to orange and appear in tight racemes or panicles with a long succession of bloom lasting from March - July, or longer with water.

**Sun:** Full Sun, Part Shade

**Water:** Dry, Light

**Soil:** Loam, Sand

**Other:** Attracts Butterflies, Drought Tolerant

## Ecological Value:

*Erysimum capitatum* var *angustatum*, the Contra Costa wallflower, is an endangered plant in the state of California.

## Historical Uses:

Infusion of crushed seeds used for stomach or bowel cramps. Whole plant used as a ceremonial emetic.

## Native Distribution:

This species can be found across North America, but some variants have an extremely narrow distribution, especially in CA

## Elevation:

Between 0 and 13,123 feet

## Plant Communities:

Coastal Strand, Yellow Pine/Red Fir/Lodgepole/Subalpine Forest, Foothill Woodland, Chaparral, Valley Grassland, Joshua Tree Woodland

## Habitat:

Bluffs and rocky open ground

