AUSTRIAN FIELD CRESS
(Rorippa austriaca)

GROWTH HABIT: Perennial forb in the mustard family that grows 1 to 3 feet tall.

LEAVES: Oblong and lobed, possessing serrate edges and lacking hairs.

FLOWER: Four-petal flowers, small and yellow, blooming in mid- to late summer.

ROOT: Extensive root system with a thick, fleshy taproot. Persistent stems produce roots when in water, which may be a potential method of spread, but most common method of reproduction is through creeping rhizomes.

OTHER: Typically found in moist soils and thrives in disturbed habitats; may be problematic to sensitive riparian and wetland habitats, while irrigated and tilled agricultural areas may also be at risk.