

# Erysimum cheiri

## COMMON NAMES

wallflower

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Annual or biennial herb to 0.5 m tall, sometimes with a sub-woody base; erect stems topped with flowers in yellow, red, purple, brown, white, cream; highly perfumed.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Brown, Cream, Orange, Purple, Red/Pink, Yellow

## HABITAT

Establishes freely on rocky cliffs near the sea, mainly near urban areas.

## GENUS

Erysimum

## FAMILY

Brassicaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Erysimum cheiri* (L.) Crantz

## SYNONYMS

*Cheiranthus cheiri* L.

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## FRUITING

Long siliques

## YEAR NATURALISED

1875

## ORIGIN

S. Greece, Aegean Is

## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Seed

## ETYMOLOGY

**erysimum**: From the Greek eruo 'to draw up', some species are believed to cause blisters.

## NVS CODE

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## MORE INFORMATION



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