Purple Mustard

Scientific name: *Chorispora tenella*
Common names: Bead-podded mustard, blue mustard

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Annual

Flowers purple

Seeds embedded in pod

Pod breaks into pieces upon maturity

Purple mustard is an annual, sometimes called blue mustard. It is found in cultivated fields and along roadsides.

Control: Seedling plants start in flat, leafy rosettes. Early treatment assures best control. For plants up to 3 inches across, use 3/4 pound 2,4-D ester per acre. For larger plants increase to 1 1/4 pounds. Spray as early as grain growth will permit.