

Tahoe's Treasure



Tahoe yellow cress (*Rorippa subumbellata*) is a low growing, yellow flowered member of the mustard family found on the beaches of Lake Tahoe in Nevada and California, and ***nowhere else in the world!*** The species competes with fluctuating lake levels and intensive recreational beach use for the limited habitat in which it survives. The plant and its seedbed in the sand can be damaged by trampling.

This small plant is easy to miss, particularly when it's not blooming, so make it a practice to be aware of where you are and avoid dragging your watercraft over or stepping on **ANY** shoreline vegetation.

As recently as 2000, this unique member of the mustard family teetered on the brink of extinction when it disappeared from beaches in Nevada and was found growing on fewer than 10 sites on the California side of the lake. If you see fences along the beach please stay away and let Tahoe yellow cress thrive. By protecting TYC now we can prevent it from becoming federally endangered and save Lake Tahoe from more restrictions.