

# Hedge mustard, horehound and mallow

## Hedge mustard (*Sisymbrium officinale*)

- Summary** More common in the North Island. Annual.
- Identification** Grows in a rosette initially, then forms an upright stem. Produces small yellow flowers and pods that grow parallel to the stem.
- Characteristics** A dense pasture prevents seedlings from establishing.



## Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*)

- Summary** Common in the South Island - often in stock camp areas. Perennial.
- Identification** A reasonably erect plant that grows 40-60 cm tall. Leaves are wavy on the edges, well veined and very hairy so that they have a silvery appearance.
- Characteristics** Often seen in patches. A serious weed in some districts.



## Mallow (*Malva sp.*)

- Summary** Widespread - common in yards and gateways. Perennial.
- Identification** Has small white to lilac flowers and dark green leaves that are almost round with broad shallow teeth. Seedlings have two heart shaped leaves on long stalks, followed by true leaves of the normal shape.
- Characteristics** Mainly germinates in the autumn. Can present a serious problem in new pasture because it cannot be selectively controlled by herbicides. Stock do not eat it and it is to some extent poisonous.

