

*Hypochoeris radicata* L. (Asteraceae)

**General shape:** Elongated, narrowly elliptical with a long, roughened awn.

**Normal size:**

4.5-5.5 mm L x 0.5-0.7 mm W

**Color:** Dark brown to reddish brown.

**Texture:** Many longitudinal vertical, toothed or warty ribs.

**Distinguishing features:** Tapers to a long, spiny awn at the apex. Tapers to a truncate base with a rimmed collar.

**Embryo:** Embryo with well-developed cotyledons and a broad stalk having a truncate top, no endosperm.

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*Hypochoeris radicata* achenes with and without spiny awn



*Hypochoeris radicata* achene with spiny awn

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