

Sinapis alba L. (*Brassicaceae*)

General shape: Spherical to flat-sided oval.

Normal size:

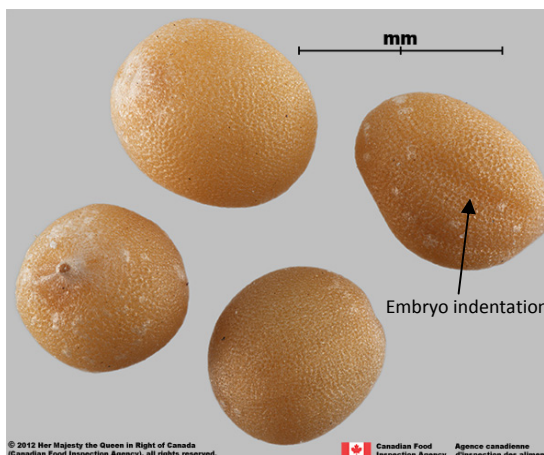
2.0-3.0 mm L x 2.0-2.5 mm W

Color: Yellow, creamy or pale straw colour.

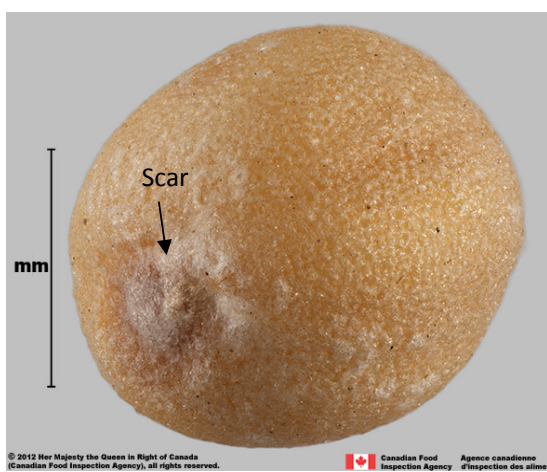
Texture: Fine reticulum with very small interspaces obscured by a waxy layer. Stipples not evident.

Distinguishing features: Scar area a small whitish hilum with a small, deep yellow or tan circle. Often a prominent embryo indentation in the seed coat. When moistened exudes a sticky mucilage.

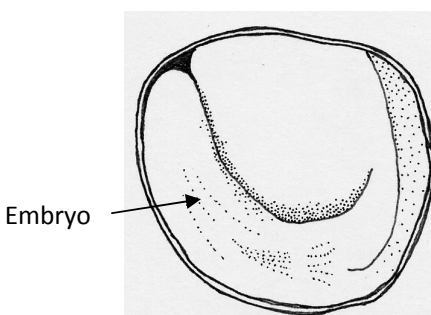
Embryo: Folded embryo with minimal endosperm present.



Sinapis alba seeds



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Cross-section of *Sinapis alba* seed

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