

***Cuscuta* spp. (Convolvulaceae)**

Seed.

General shape: oval to round

Normal size: 0.8-1.5 mm L x 0.8-1.5 mm W x 0.8-1.5 mm D

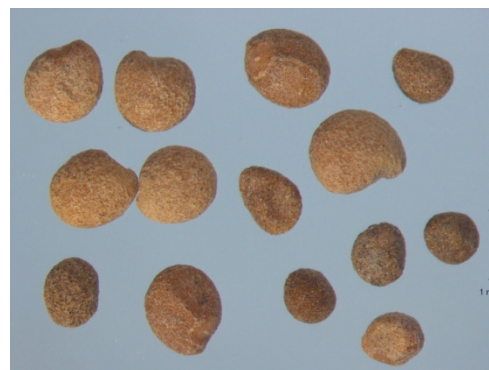
Color: yellow to brown.

Texture: finely to coarsely rough, granular or reticulate.

Distinguishing features: seed globular and slightly angular in cross section. The seed has two flattened, ventral faces and a convex, dorsal face. The hilum is a rather big smooth, lighter area in the corner of the seed.

Embryo: embryo coiled in one or two rotations.

Note: parasitic plants



Seeds of *Cuscuta* spp.



Fruits of *Cuscuta* spp.



Cross section of seed showing embryo and nutritive tissue

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