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*Navarretia squarrosa*

[Synonyms : *Gilia pungens*, *Gilia squarrosa*, *Gillia squarrosa*, *Hoitzia squarrosa*]

**CALIFORNIA STINKWEED** is an annual. Native to western North America it has small, blue to purple flowers.

It is also known as *Navarretia* (Swedish), Skunkbush, and Skunkweed.

*Isquarrosa* means ‘means ‘with parts spreading horizontally or curved backwards at the ends’.

Locally the tiny fiddly seeds (dried and ground) have been eaten uncooked in the past.

The unpleasant-smelling annual (its shiny leaves have a strong skunk-like smell) is often cultivated as an ornamental garden plant.