

Bugloss fiddleneck

Common Name

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Scientific Name

Amsinckia lycopsoides

Scientific Pronunciation

am-SING-kee-uh ly-COP-soy-deez

Plant Family

[Boraginaceae](#)

Plant Origin

[Native](#)

Duration

[Annual](#)

Color

[Yellow](#)

Plant Type

[Wildflower](#)

Typical Bloom (varies by elevation)

[April](#)

Additional Common Names

Tarweed fiddleneck

Bugloss fiddleneck is a weedy plant that thrives on disturbed soil. The small yellow tubular-shaped flowers occur along multiple stems up to two feet tall that coil distinctively like the neck of a fiddle. The plant is very hairy and looks like it is covered in fat green hairy caterpillars. The stiff and bristle-like hairs cause irritation to human skin, but provide a deterrent to harvest or ingestion. The four-inch long leaves alternate and often grow crowded at the base. Each flower produces four, small, hard-shelled, black and shiny nutlets that are reputedly poisonous to cattle.

