Field sandbur
*Cenchrus incertus* M.A. Curtis

**Life cycle**
Prostrate to ascending summer annual.

**Leaves**
Leaves are folded in the bud, sparsely hairy with a rough texture. Heavily compressed leaf sheaths are hairless at maturity with hairy margins.

**Ligule**
Hairy ring.

**Stems**
Prostrate to ascending stems up to 1.5 feet tall are capable of rooting at the nodes. Mature stems are often compressed with swollen nodes.

**Flowers and fruit**
The seedhead is a slender unbranched spike made up of bur-like seeds. Each spike has five to 15 ovoid burs.

**Reproduction**
Seeds.

*Poaceae (Grass family)*