

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.



Field sandbur hairy ligule.



Field sandbur mature plant.

Poaceae (Grass family)

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.



Field sandbur seedhead.

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.



Field sandbur seedling.