

Johnsongrass

Sorghum halepense (L.) Pers.



Life cycle

Rhizomatous perennial.

Leaves

Bright green leaves are hairless with a prominent, white midvein. Leaves are rolled in the bud and may be up to 24 inches long. Leaf sheaths are also hairless.

Ligule

Very prominent, jagged, membranous ligule.

Stems

Erect, stout, hairless stems may reach 10 feet in height. Round to sometimes flattened stems are purple-tinted at the base. Plants form dense patches by purplish, thick, scaly rhizomes.

Flowers and fruit

The seedhead is a purple, very large, open and



Patch of Johnsongrass.

spreading, pyramid-shaped panicle that consists of numerous whorled branches. Seeds are oval, shiny and reddish brown.

Reproduction

Seeds and rhizomes.

Johnsongrass collar region.



Johnsongrass seedhead.



Johnsongrass rhizome section.

Poaceae (Grass family)