

Columbus grass

Sorghum alnum

Description

It is a hybrid between Grain sorghum (*S. bicolor*) and Johnsongrass (*S. halepense*). This species is listed under [Regulation No. 715 - Seed Law Implementation](https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/plant-pest/plant-health-certification-and-export/seed) as a prohibited noxious weed by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Habit

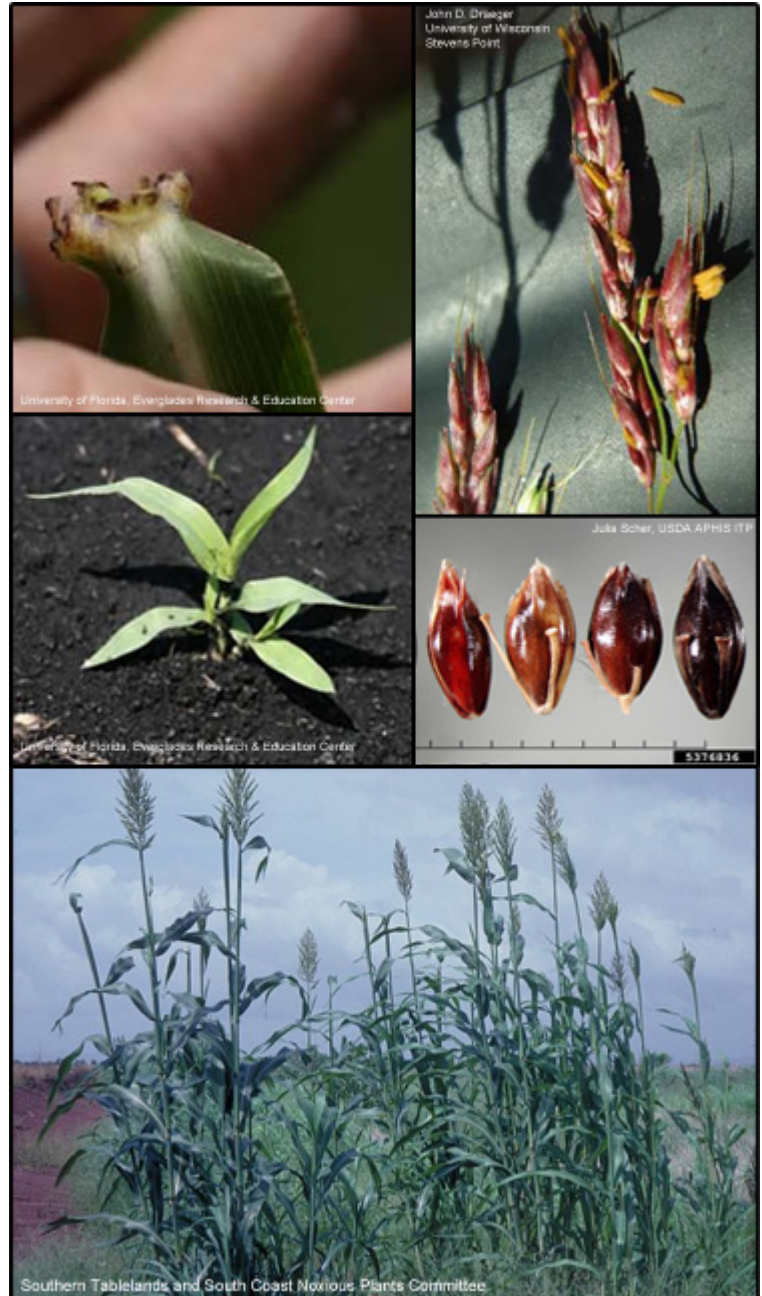
Perennial with short, thick, scaly underground runners.

Leaves

Flat with a sandpaper feel. Blades are 0.5-1.5 in. wide by 18-32 in. long. Sometimes has long hairs at the base of the upper leaf surface. Ligule is membranous and fringed.

Stems

Stout and growing up to 14 feet tall.





Flowers

Panicle that reaches 6-24 in. long, with lax, spreading branches.

Fruits and Seeds

0.25-0.4 in. long and smooth.

Habitat

Native to South America. Can be found in fields, ditches, canals and roadsides.

Reproduction

By seed and rhizomes.

Similar

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Can be controlled with repeat tilling.

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