

Shatter cane

Sorghum bicolor

Description

Typically grown for food and ethanol production.

Habit

Upright, short-day, summer annual.

Leaves

Blades are flat, glumes vary in color from red or reddish brown to yellowish; 3/4 as long as elliptical grain.

Stems

Rigid, coarse, solid or sometimes with spaces in the pith. Dry with maturity or with sweet insipid juice.

Flowers

Loose, open panicle of short, few-flowered racemes.

Fruits and Seeds

Grains are small, 3-4 mm. in diameter; vary in color from pale yellow to reddish brown to dark brown.





Habitat

Native to Africa. Can be found in areas of low fertility, moderately acidic and highly alkaline soils. Not tolerant of frost, shade, of sustained flooding.

Reproduction

By seed.

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