

## 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.





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### **Habitat**

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

### **Reproduction**

By seed.

### **Similar**

### **Credits**

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