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**Habitat:** Johnsongrass is a weed of most cultivated, reduced-tillage, and perennial crops as well as roadsides, meadows, and waste areas. It does not tolerate close mowing.

**General Description:** A coarse-textured perennial with stout unbranched stems and thick aggressive rhizomes, growing to 6 feet in height.

**Distinctive Characteristics:** Leaves are rolled in the bud with a membranous ligule. The blades are 6-20 inches long, flat and contain a thick prominent white midvein.

**Growth Habit:** Graminoid

**Distribution:** Found throughout the southern United States and West Coast. It is spreading northward into New York, Massachusetts, Michigan, and other regions.

## Johnsongrass *Sorghum halepense*



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Family: Poaceae (Grass Family)

