

## Yellow nutsedge

*Cyperus esculentus* L.

### Life cycle

Rhizomatous perennial sedge.

### Leaves

Yellowish green, shiny, grasslike leaves are long and narrow, and distinctly ridged along the midvein, and they narrow to a long, sharp point. Leaves are mostly basal and alternate, and they point outward from the stem in three directions.

### Stems

Erect, solid, up to 3-foot-tall stems are triangular in cross-section. Plants spread by wiry, scaly rhizomes and nutlike tubers produced at the rhizome tips.



Patch of yellow nutsedge.



## Yellow nutsedge *continued*

### Flowers and fruit

The seedhead consists of numerous yellowish brown spikelets, which occur in a terminal, umbrellalike cluster. Under each seedhead is a whorl of several long, leaflike bracts. The seed is enclosed in a single-seeded, three-angled, yellowish brown fruit with a blunt end.

### Reproduction

Tubers, rhizomes and, very rarely, seeds.



Yellow nutsedge seedling.



Yellow nutsedge seedhead.