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.
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**Flowers and fruit**
The seedhead consists of numerous yellow-ish 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.