Field sandbur
_Cenchrus incertus_ M.A. Curtis

**Life cycle**
Prostrate to ascending summer annual.

**Leaves**
Leaves are folded in the bud, sparsely hairy with a rough texture. Heavily compressed leaf sheaths are hairless at maturity with hairy margins.

**Ligule**
Hairy ring.

**Stems**
Prostrate to ascending stems up to 1.5 feet tall are capable of rooting at the nodes. Mature stems are often compressed with swollen nodes.

**Flowers and fruit**
The seedhead is a slender unbranched spike made up of bur-like seeds. Each spike has five to 15 ovoid burs.

**Reproduction**
Seeds.

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Field sandbur mature plant.

Field sandbur hairy ligule.

Field sandbur seedhead.

Field sandbur seedling.

Poaceae (Grass family)