**Johnsongrass**  
*Sorghum halepense* (L.) Pers.

**Life cycle**  
Rhizomatous perennial.

**Leaves**  
Bright green leaves are hairless with a prominent, white midvein. Leaves are rolled in the bud and may be up to 24 inches long. Leaf sheaths are also hairless.

**Ligule**  
Very prominent, jagged, membranous ligule.

**Stems**  
Erect, stout, hairless stems may reach 10 feet in height. Round to sometimes flattened stems are purple-tinted at the base. Plants form dense patches by purplish, thick, scaly rhizomes.

**Flowers and fruit**  
The seedhead is a purple, very large, open and spreading, pyramid-shaped panicle that consists of numerous whorled branches. Seeds are oval, shiny and reddish brown.

**Reproduction**  
Seeds and rhizomes.