

INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT!

YELLOW NUTSEDGE

(*Cyperus esculentus*)

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

DESCRIPTION

- Native to Europe
- Perennial sedge
- Grows 0.3 to 0.8 metres tall
- Unbranched smooth stems with triangular cross section
- Grass-like leaves
- Yellowish-brown flowers with long leaf-like bracts under umbrella-like flower clusters
- Smooth, round, whitish almond-flavoured tubers produced at ends of many rhizomes
- Underground structures include, fibrous roots, rhizomes, tubers and bulbs
- Prefers well-drained, sandy soils or damp to wet sites in irrigated crops, wet fields and riparian areas
- Reproduces and disperses by rhizomes, tubers, and sometimes seed
- Local dispersal mainly by rhizome, tuber and bulb growth; seeds are dispersed by wind. Agricultural and nursery activities, soil movement and water are the main pathways for long distance spread.



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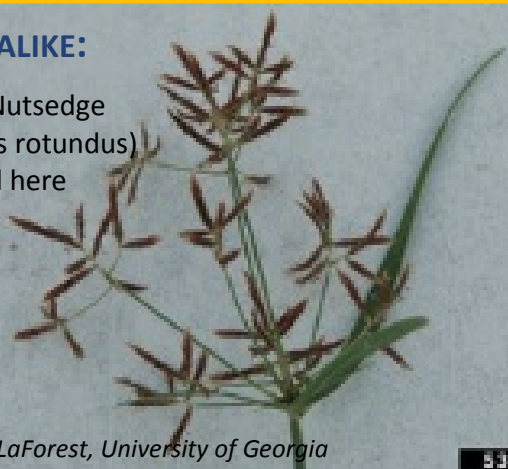
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PRIMARY THREAT: Competes with crops for resources and reduces crop yields.

LOOK-ALIKE:

Purple Nutsedge
(*Cyperus rotundus*)
pictured here



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DISTRIBUTION IN BC

BC confirmed sites are limited to agricultural areas in the regions of the Fraser Valley and Metro Vancouver, with a single plant also confirmed in a residential garden in Greater Victoria.



For more information: www.for.gov.bc.ca/hra/Plants/prohibited.htm