

***Cyperus* spp. (Cyperaceae)**

Achene.

**General shape:** flattened or trigonous (three-sided)

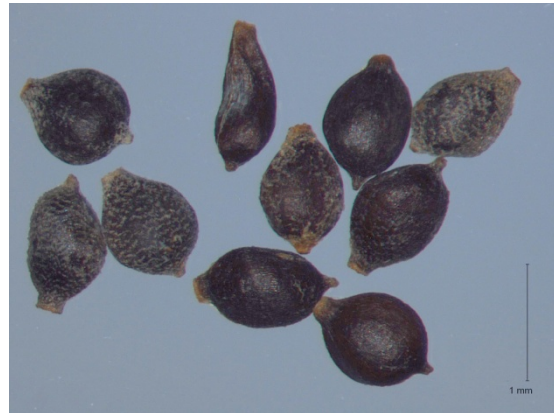
**Normal size:** 1-2mm L x 0.2-1.5 mm W x 0.2-1.5 mm D

**Color:** light brown to dark brown, or even black

**Texture:** smooth to finely reticulate or striate

**Distinguishing features:** achene having an elongated shape, with no perianth; achene usually falling down from his envelope of bracts (scales).

**Embryo:** embryo small (surrounded by a mealy endosperm), at the base of albumen



Seeds of *Cyperus flavescens*



Seeds of *Cyperus longus*



Seeds of *Cyperus rivularis*

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