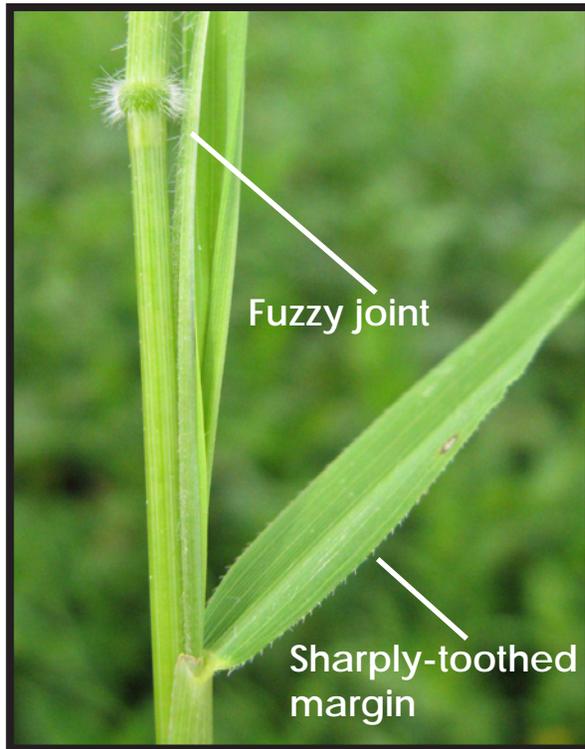


Rice cutgrass

Leersia oryzoides

Minnesota C-Value: 3
Wetland Indicator Status: OBL
Native



Leaves: Narrow to 3 cm wide. Very rough to touch, small sharply-toothed leaf margins. Sheaths rough.

Stems: Round, weak and slender. Fuzzy ring around joints.

Flowers and fruit: 8 in. open panicle, spikelets on branch ends with stiff hairs, 1 flower per spikelet, flowers greenish white.

Plant communities: Marsh fringes, wet meadows, ditches.

Comments: Perennial grass that may root at nodes. Leaf edges will cut skin and catch on clothes. Similar to Prairie cordgrass (*Spartina pectinata*) which also has toothed leaf edges; however, cordgrass leaves are coarser and stems lack fuzzy nodes. White grass (*Leersia virginica*) is similar in overall appearance, but is more delicate, not as rough, has flattened stems, and grows in shaded areas.

