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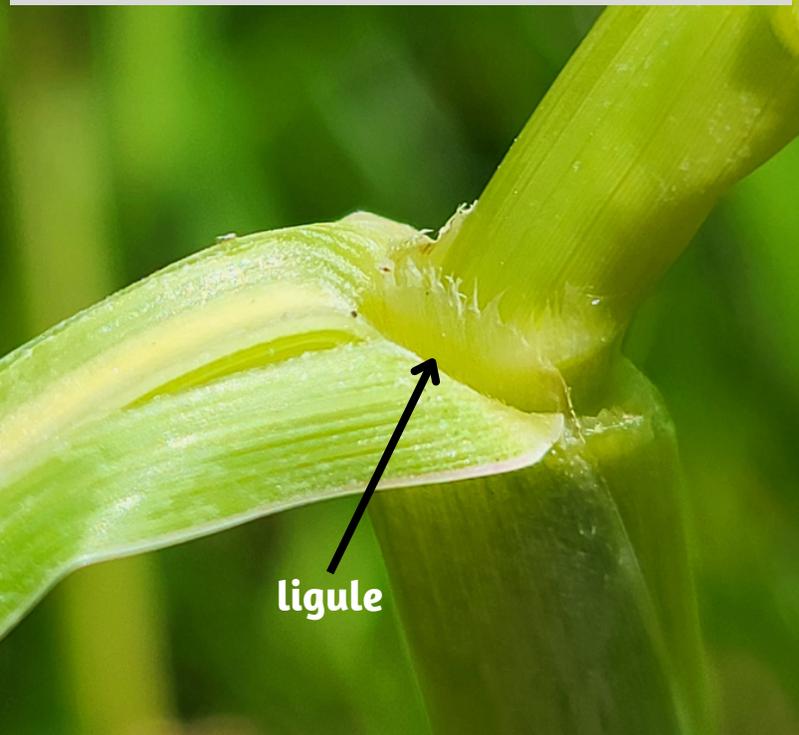
(*Sorghum halepense*)





Key Identifying Characteristics:

- * Distinctive thick white midvein (sometimes light yellow)
- * Large membranous ligule often with a fringe of hair at the top
- * Absent auricles





Boot stage (the seedhead is enclosed within the sheath of the flag leaf)

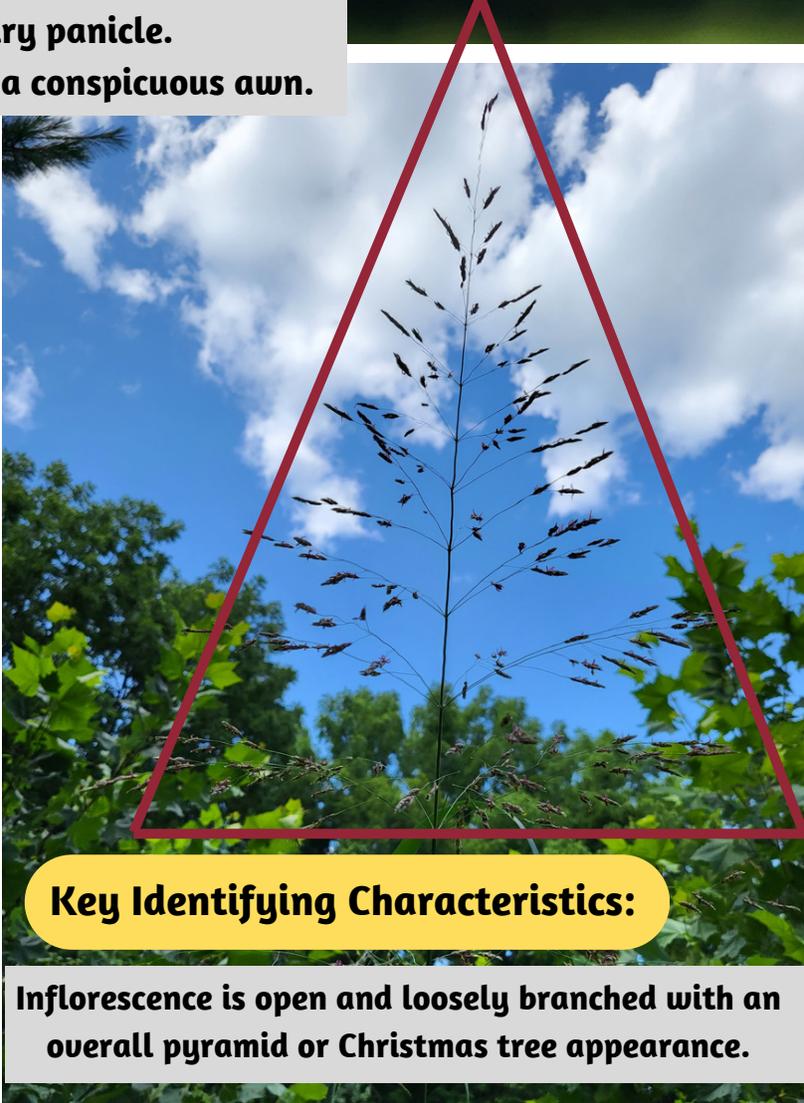
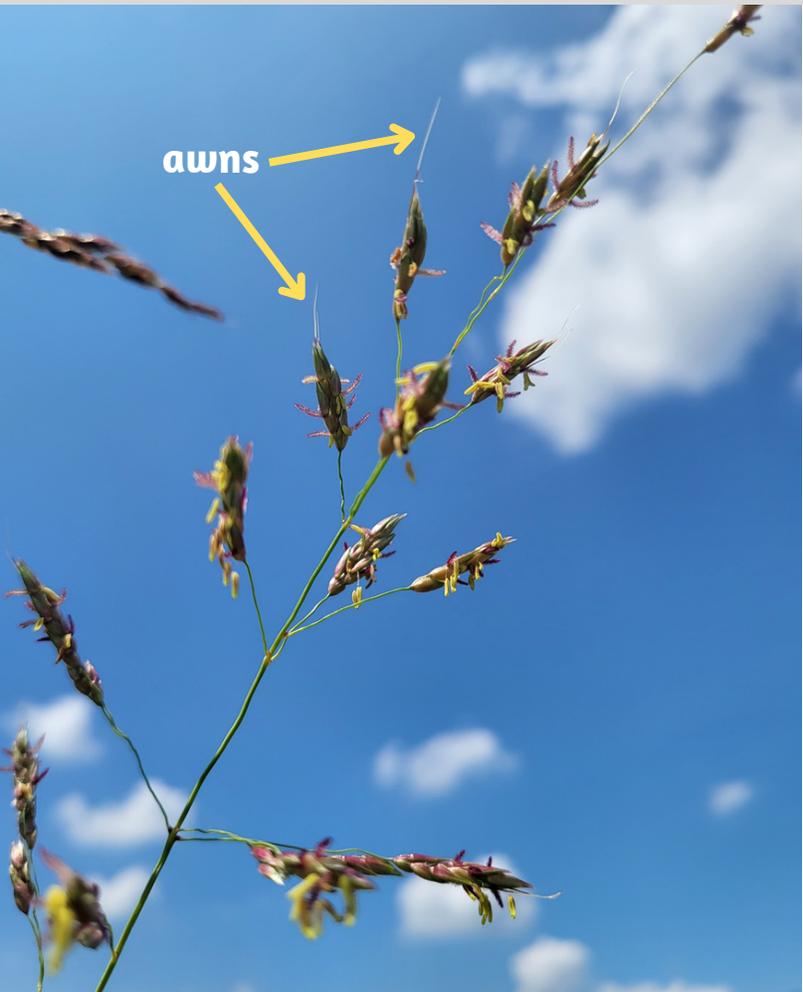


Flowering stage

Has orange stamens and purple feathery stigmas



**Inflorescence is often a purplish and hairy panicle.
Spikelets occur in pairs or threes and some have a conspicuous awn.**



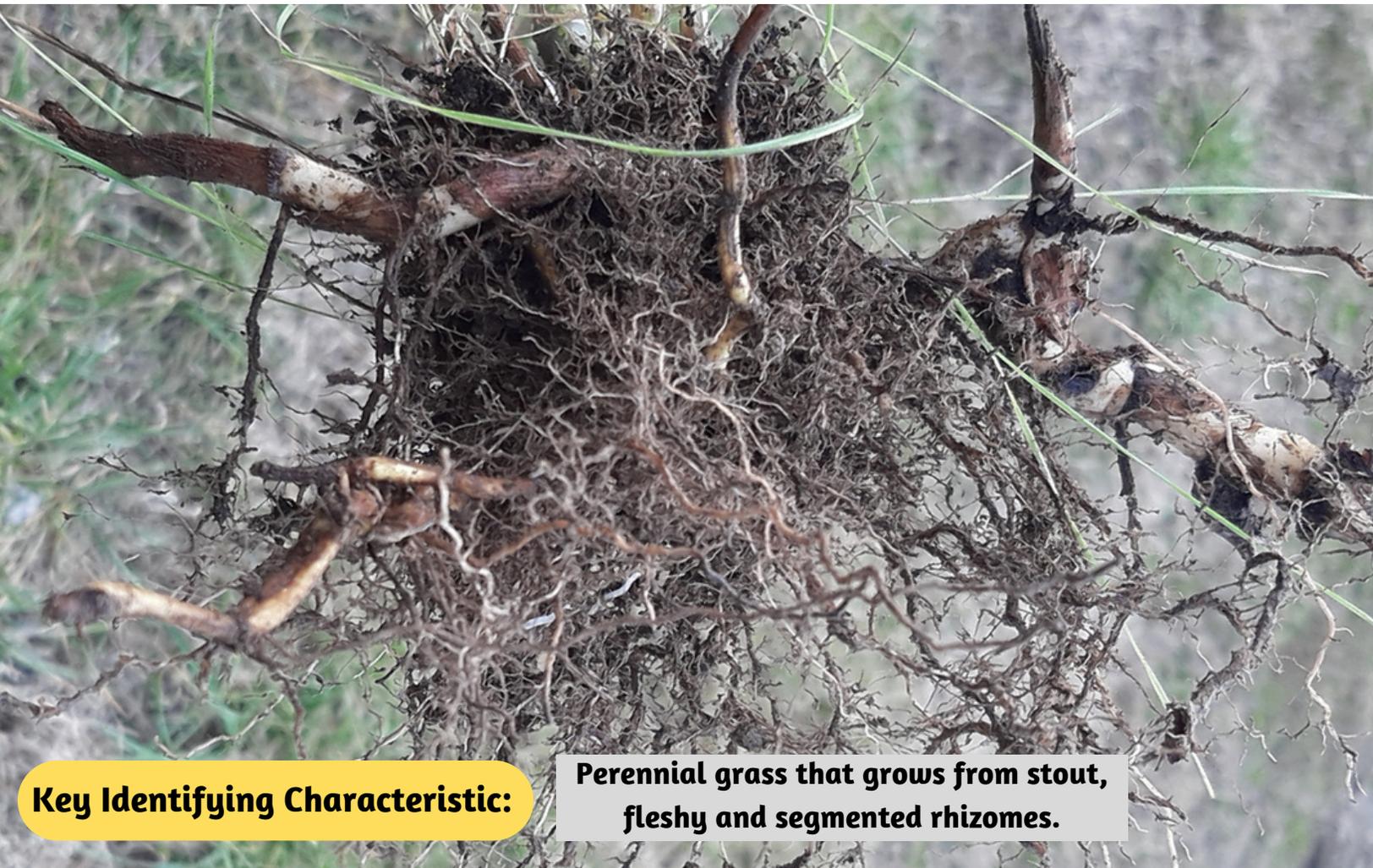
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Inflorescence is open and loosely branched with an overall pyramid or Christmas tree appearance.





Seeds are oval and generally a glossy red mahogany to black (1/8 to 3/16 inches long).



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Perennial grass that grows from stout, fleshy and segmented rhizomes.

Glossary

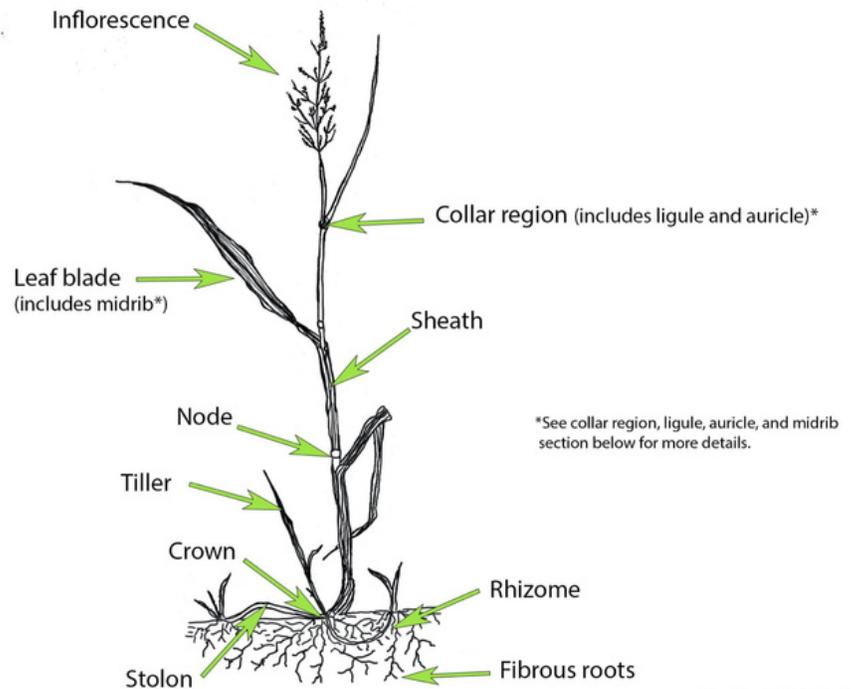
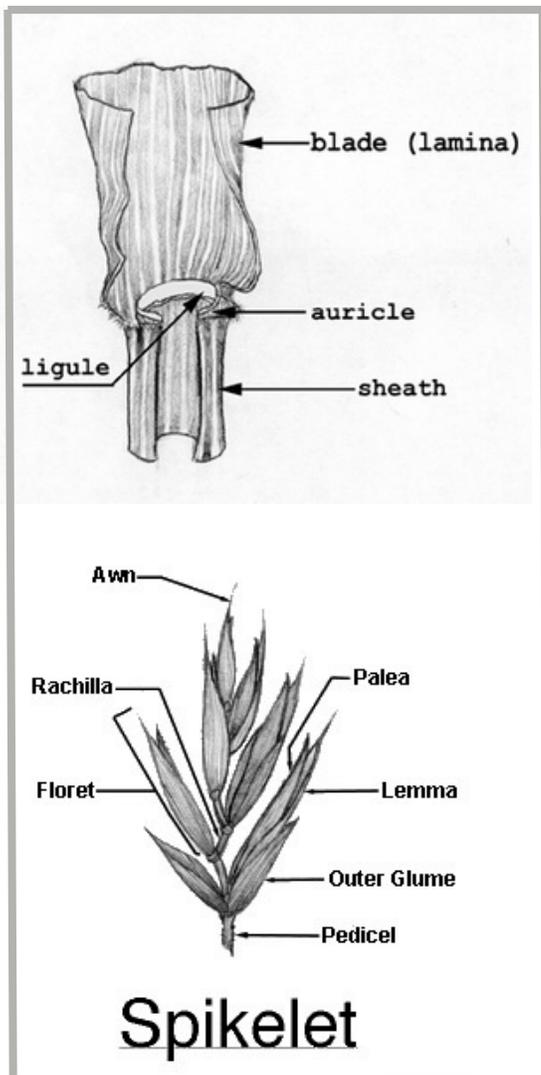
Auricle - small ear-like projections from the base of a leaf

Inflorescence - the complete flower head

Ligule - outgrowth where leaf and leafstalk meet

Rhizomes - underground stems

Spikelet - the small flowering unit



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