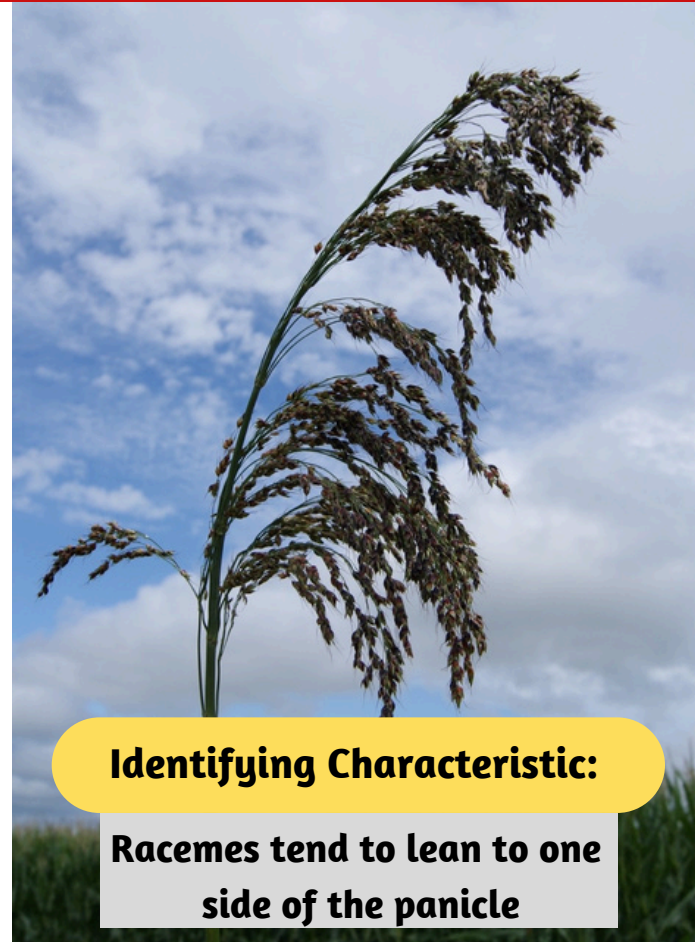




Shattercane (*Sorghum bicolor*)



Mature shattercane can grow to a height of 4 to 9 feet.



Identifying Characteristic:

Racemes tend to lean to one side of the panicle



Key Identifying Characteristic:

Fibrous root system that often forms brace roots



Key Identifying Characteristic:

Auricles area absent

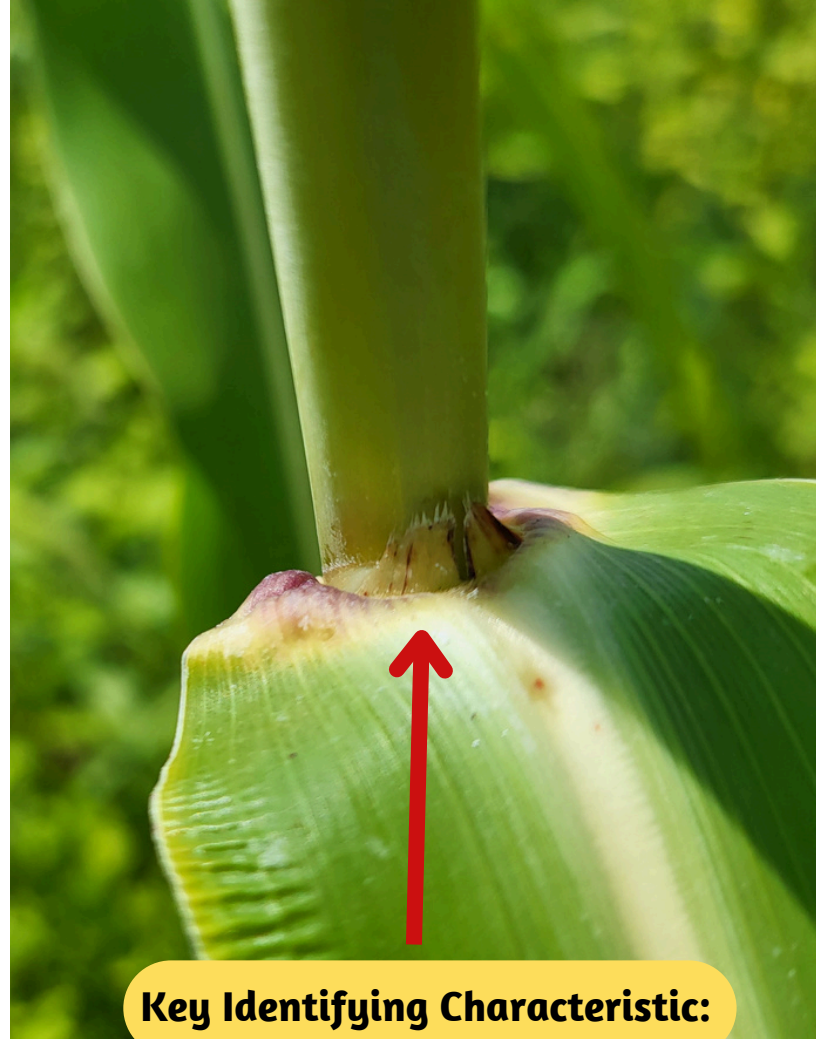


**Leaf sheaths are often covered with
a waxy, whitish film or bloom**



Key Identifying Characteristic:

Prominent white to pale green midvein



Key Identifying Characteristic:

Membranous ligule





The inflorescence (seedhead) is initially pale green or violet-green, but mature into dark reddish or purplish-brown.



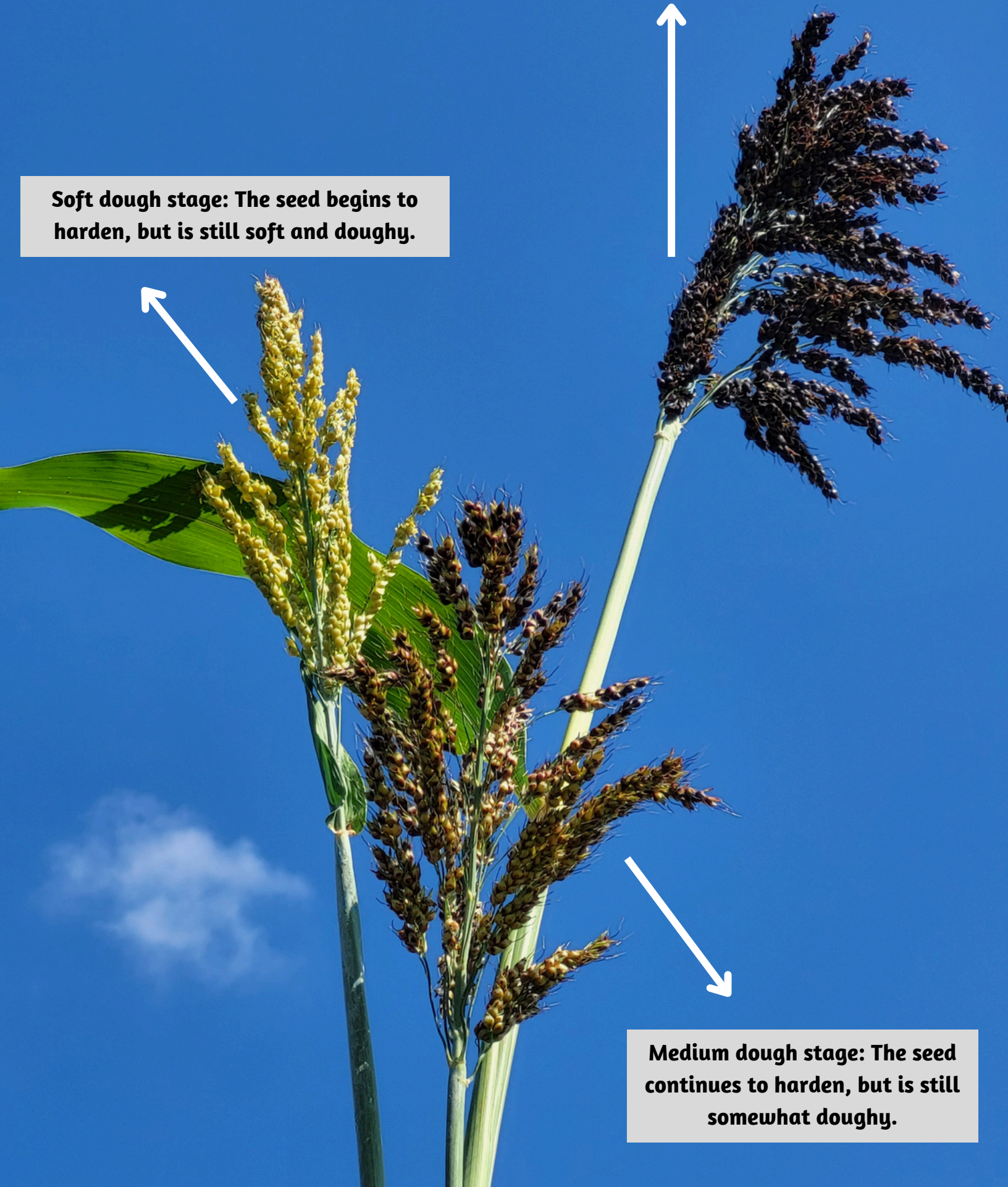
The dark red to black seeds are flattened, oval and shiny and typically covered with deep purple to black chaff.

Ripening Stage

Soft dough stage: The seed begins to harden, but is still soft and doughy.

Hard dough (mature) stage: The seed is fully hardened, filled, and ready

Medium dough stage: The seed continues to harden, but is still somewhat doughy.



Shattercane infestation in a field of sorghum

