

Nutgrass Nutgrass

Cyperus rotundus (purple)

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Cyperus esculentus (yellow)

Description

- These are sedges
- They are agricultural weeds all over the world
- They have chains of deep underground tubers, pea size, and spring up after the rains
- They grow very fast in warm conditions
- The Yellow Nutgrass can grow to 90cm in height and has a single stem
- The Purple Nutgrass may reach a height of 40cm and the leaves sprout in ranks of three from the base of the plant

Distribution

- Very common around 300-500m

Habitat

Habitat includes:

- Ruderal roadsides
- Dry gully
- Riparian margins
- Cultivated land



Yellow Nutgrass
Photo: Andrew Darlow



Purple Nutgrass.
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