

# *Cyperus laxus* Lam.

Family:  
Cyperaceae

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## Stem

Usually flowers and fruits when 1-2 m tall, sometimes when smaller.

## Leaves

Leaves linear, 25-70 x 0.8-2 cm. Margins finely toothed, the teeth just visible with a lens. One vein on either side of the midrib more prominent than the rest.

## Flowers

Inflorescence terminal on a peduncle 25-100 cm long ending in a rosette of bract-like leaves. Flowers borne in spikes arranged in a panicle. Lower flowers in each spike are female while the upper flowers are hermaphrodite.

## Fruit

Fruits (nuts) enclosed in persistent bracts and perianth segments. Nuts ca. 1.5 x 0.75 mm, nearly 3-lobed in transverse section.

## Seedlings

Features not available.

## Distribution and Ecology

Occurs in NT, CYP and NEQ. Altitudinal range from near sea level to 150 m. Grows in rain forest and gallery forest. Also occurs in New Guinea.

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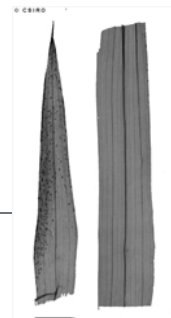
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