

**Johnson Grass – exotic
invasive** (*Sorghum halapense*)

versus

Native Look-Alikes

Native Silver Plume grass
(*Erianthus alopecurioides*)

Johnson grass and Native Silver Plume grass don't look alike when they're blooming, but before they bloom, they are nearly identical. **Check before you spray!** Silver Plume is a high quality beautiful native.



Silver Plume blooms in September



Johnson grass blooms in July-August



Virtually no hairs on Johnson grass



Long silky hairs on Silver Plume



Both grasses are large grasses with a rounded stem base and prominent white mid-vein, but Johnson grass is virtually hairless, while Silver Plume grass has **long silky hairs** where the leaf meets the stem



Gamagrass blooms in May-June

Don't be fooled!
This grass growing in a power line is **NATIVE Silver Plume!**



Native Eastern Gamagrass looks very similar, but has **flattened** stem bases.