

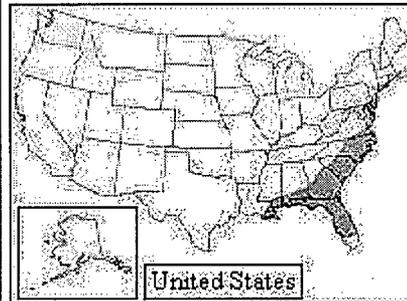
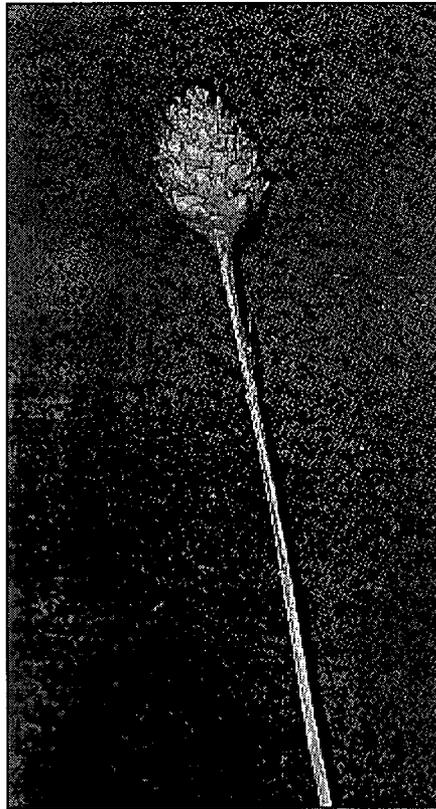


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Fringed Yellow-eyed-grass *Xyris fimbriata* Elliott

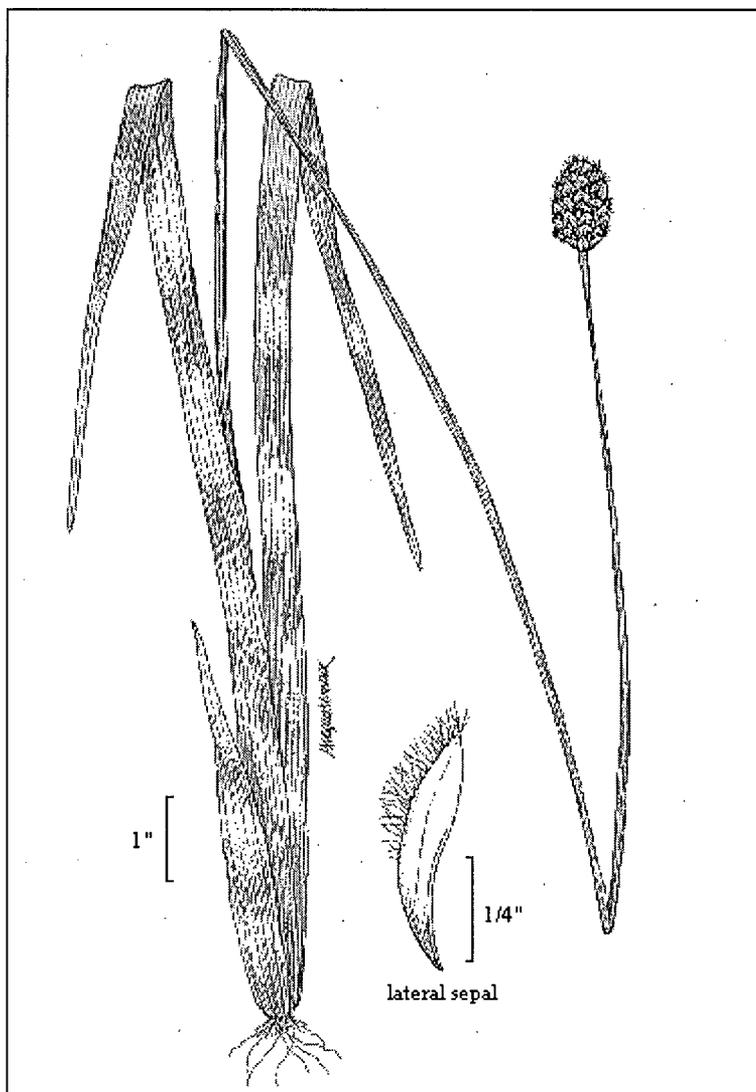


- **Family:** Yellow-eyed-grass (Xyridaceae)
- **Flowering:** July-September
- **Field Marks:** The 2 lateral sepals are larger than the subtending bracts. The keel of the 2 lateral sepals is fringed, and the leaves are 1/4-1/2 inch wide.
- **Habitat:** Swamps, shores of ponds.
- **Habit:** Perennial herb with shallow, fibrous roots.
- **Stems:** Upright, smooth, coarse, usually 3-ribbed, up to 3 feet tall, bearing no leaves but only a solitary, terminal head.
- **Leaves:** All basal, upright, leathery, strap-shaped, pointed at the tip, tapering to the base, smooth, 1/4-1/2 inch wide, broadest at base and overlapping in two ranks.
- **Flowers:** Several crowded into a head, the head solitary, terminal, ovoid, 1/2-1 1/4 inches long, about 1/2 inch thick; each flower subtended by a scale (bract), the bracts obovate, about 1/3 inch long, straw-colored to brownish.

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- **Sepals:** 3, the 2 lateral ones longer than the bracts, with a fringed keel, 1/3-1/2 inch long shorter than the third sepal.
- **Petals:** 3, united below to form a narrow tube, yellow, the lobes all equal.
- **Stamens:** 3, attached to the tube of the petals.
- **Pistils:** Ovary superior; styles 3.
- **Fruits:** Capsules ellipsoid, smooth, containing many seeds.
- **Notes:** The seeds are eaten by waterfowl.



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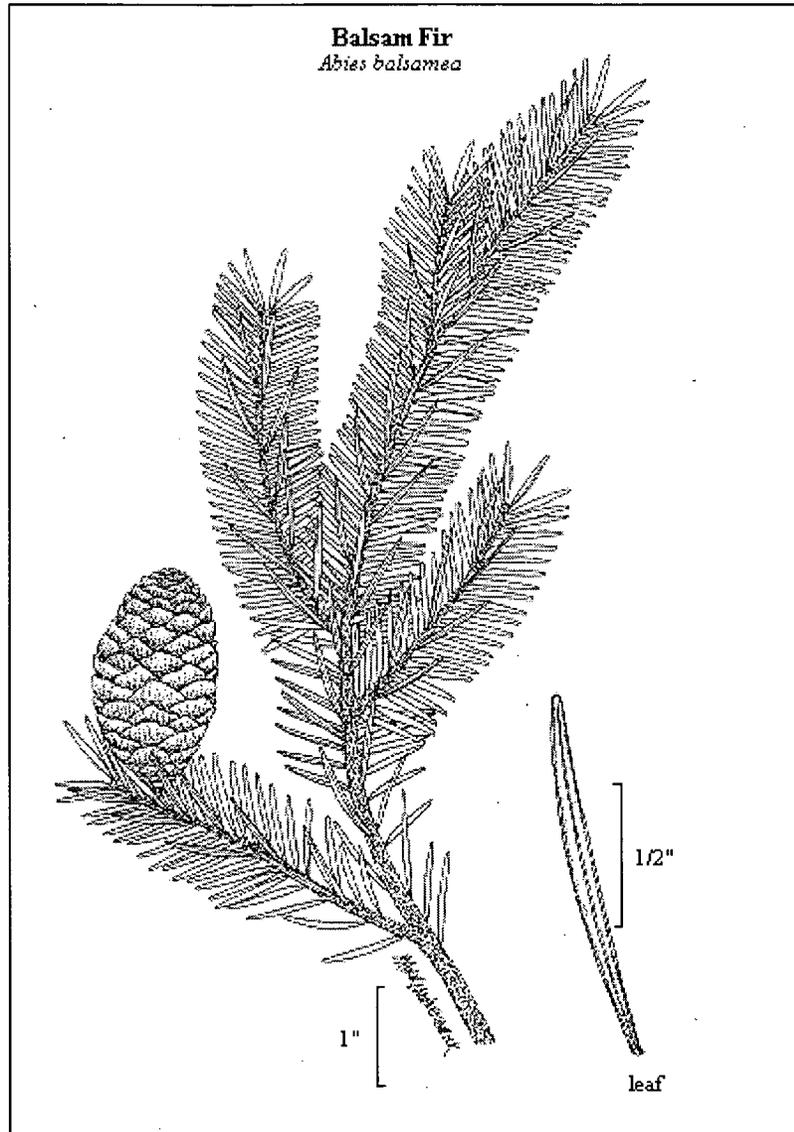


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