

XYRIDACEAE – YELLOW-EYED GRASS FAMILY

Plant: herbs, rush-like, mostly wetlands plants

Stem:

Root: rhizomes

Leaves: basal, erect, linear (grass-like) on opposite sides of stem, alternate, open sheath, parallel or 1-veined

Flowers: perfect; leathery bracts present; sepals 3, 2 lateral, keeled or winged, 1 anterior sepal that may be absent; 3 petals, long-clawed, or in a tube, mostly yellow; mostly 3 stamens (other sterile may be present); ovary superior, 3 carpels, usually 1 style

Fruit: capsule; few to many seeds

Other: mostly tropical to subtropical; Monocotyledons Group

Genera: 5 genera; locally *Xyris* (yellow-eyed grass)

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Xyridaceae (Yellow-Eyed-Grass Family)

Oak Openings Metropark, Lucas County, Ohio

Notes: 3-petaled flower, yellow, bracts often red-tinged and fringed; basal leaves linear (grass-like) and spirally twisted; base of plant bulb-like; sandy areas and shores; summer to early fall

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