

Japanese chaff flower look alike

Japanese chaff flower (*Achyranthes japonica*) may easily be confused with species in the pigweed family (genus *Amaranthus*) based on similar stature, leaf size/shape, and flower spikes. **Chaff flower has opposite leaves** (below left) and **pigweeds have alternate leaves** (below right).



Japanese chaff flower has opposite leaves



Pigweeds, like *Amaranthus rudis* above, have alternate leaves