**PRISM**
(New York Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management)

**NON-NATIVE PLANT INVASIVENESS RANKING FORM**

**Scientific name:** Bromus tectorum L  
**USDA Plants Code:** BRTE

**Common names:** Cheat grass, downy brome

**Native Distribution:** Europe, Asia

**Date Assessed:** December 3, 2009

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**PRISM Reviewers:** LIISMA SRC

**Date Approved:** December 9, 2009  
**Form version date:** April 2009

**New York Relative Maximum score:** 50.00  
**Date NY assessment approved:** 12/09/2009

**New York State Invasive Rank:** Moderate

**SUMMARY OF PRISM RANKING RESULTS:**

**Distribution:** Widespread

**Estimated number of infested sites:** >50

**PRISM Invasiveness Rank§:** Moderate

**A. DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE**

(KNOWN/POTENTIAL):

1. What is the species distribution and abundance in the PRISM?

   A. Not present  
   B. Occurs in three or fewer natural areas (locations that are at least ¼ mile apart) with no infested area* >1 acre or containing >100 individuals  
   C. Present in 4–10 natural areas, or with one occupied location >1 acre or containing >100 individuals  
   D. Present in >10 minimally managed areas  
   U. Unknown

   **Answer:** Widespread

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**Describe distribution:**
Widespread throughout the LIISMA.
Sources of information:

§**Not Assessable:** not persistent in the PRISM, or not found outside of cultivation.

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2. What is the likelihood the species will occur (if not yet present) or expand its distribution and abundance (if already present) in the PRISM?

Answer: Very likely

Documentation (e.g.: history of establishment in PRISM, suitability of habitats and climate, distribution models, literature, expert opinions):
Already well-established in the LIISMA.
Sources of information:

B. INVASIVENESS RANK IN THE PRISM:

Is the species distribution Widespread or Common?
Yes: Go to column A in table below.
No: What is the likelihood of species occurrence or expansion? Answer: 

| Very Likely: | Use column A below |
| Moderately likely: | Use column B below |
| Unlikely: | Use column C below |
| Zero likelihood | Invasive potential Insignificant |
| Unknown | Invasive potential Unknown |
| Not assessed | Invasive potential not assessed |

Assign a PRISM invasiveness rank to the species based on its New York Relative Maximum Score, using the designated column in the table below.

| New York Relative Maximum Score | New York Invasiveness Rank | A | B | C |
| > 80.00 | Very High | VH | H | M |
| 70.00–80.00 | High | H | M | L |
| 50.00–69.99 | Moderate | M | L | Ins |
| 40.00–49.99 | Low | L | Ins | Ins |
| <40.00 | Insignificant | Ins | Ins | Ins |

Column used: A (Insert PRISM Invasiveness Rank on page 1)

References for species assessment:


Citation: This ranking form for regions within NYS may be cited as: Jordan, M.J., G. Moore and T.W. Weldy. 2008. Invasiveness ranking system for non-native plants of New York. Unpublished. The Nature Conservancy, Cold Spring Harbor, NY; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, NY; The Nature Conservancy, Albany, NY. Note that the order of authorship is alphabetical; all three authors contributed substantially to the development of this protocol.

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