PRISM: Long Island Invasive Species Management Area

Scientific name: Rubus bifrons Vest. ex Tratt. (R. armeniacus Focke; R. discolor Weihe & Nees, R. fruticosus exclusive of its type as per USDA)

USDA Plants Code: RUAR9, RUB

Common names: Himalayn blackberry

Native Distribution: Eurasia

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New York Relative Maximum score: 56.67

New York State Invasive Rank: Moderate

SUMMARY OF PRISM RANKING RESULTS:

Distribution: **Restricted**

Estimated number of infested sites: **3**

PRISM Invasiveness Rank: **Moderate**

A. DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE
   (KNOWN/POTENTIAL):

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

   A. Not present  
   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  
   Restricted

   C. Present in 4–10 natural areas, or with one occupied location >1 acre or containing >100 individuals  
   Common

   D. Present in >10 minimally managed areas  
   Widespread

   U. Unknown  
   Unknown

   **Answer:** Restricted

   Describe distribution:
   Noted in three sites (2 on LI) and 1 on Long Island.
   Sources of information:
   Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2009

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

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<td>Very likely</td>
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Documentation (e.g.: history of establishment in PRISM, suitability of habitats and climate, distribution models, literature, expert opinions):
- Already present in PRISM.
- Sources of information: Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2009.

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

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.

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Column used: B (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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