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

**NON-NATIVE PLANT INVASIVENESS RANKING FORM**

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**PRISM: Long Island Invasive Species Management Area**

**Scientific name:** Schedonorus phoenix (Scop.) Holub (S. arundinaceus (Schreb.) Dum. nom. illeg.; Festuca arundinacea Schreb. ; F. elatior L. nom. rej.; Lolium arundinaceum (Schreb.) S.J. Darbyshire) USDA Plants Code: CSPH

**Common names:** Tall Fescue, Kentucky Fescue, Reed Fescue, Coarse Fescue, Alta Fescue

**Native Distribution:** Europe

**Date Assessed:** December 2, 2009

**PRISM Assessors:** Gerry Moore

**PRISM Reviewers:** LIISMA SRC

**Date Approved:** December 9, 2009

**New York Relative Maximum score:** 65.00

**Date NY assessment approved:** 12/09/2009

**New York State Invasive Rank:** Moderate

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**SUMMARY OF PRISM RANKING RESULTS:**

**Distribution:** Widespread

**Estimated number of infested sites:** >10

**PRISM Invasiveness Rank§:** Moderate

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**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:** Widespread

   **Describe distribution:**
   Reported from over ten localities throughout the LIISMA, except Kings and Queens Cos.
   **Sources of information:**

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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?

   Answer: Very likely

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

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.

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<th>New York Relative Maximum Score</th>
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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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