

Have you seen this invasive plant?

False brome is an invasive perennial bunchgrass that is rapidly spreading in forest understories and open woodlands.

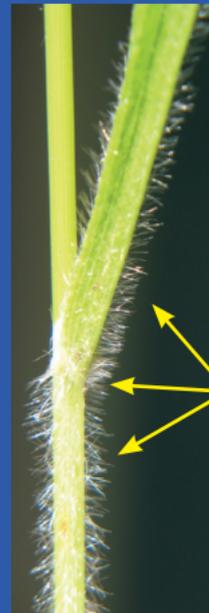
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Grass flowerheads are unbranched, upright to drooping. Flowers bloom and form seed from June to September.



False brome grows up to 2.5 feet tall and has only fibrous roots (no rhizomes).



Leaves, nodes and sheaths have long hairs (longer in comparison to other brome species). Leaves and stems are a distinctive lime green color that persists as other grasses are going dormant.

Why is false brome (*Brachypodium sylvaticum*) a noxious weed?

- False brome forms dense infestations that are rapidly expanding in Oregon and is capable of expanding quickly in Washington.
- It displaces native plants and competes for resources with seedlings and young trees. Its dense thatch creates a habitat for rodents that girdle tree seedlings.

Where do you find false brome?

- False brome can grow in a variety of habitats including forests, forest edges, woodlands, riparian areas, prairies and roadsides.
- It is currently limited to southwest Washington.

What can you do?

- False brome can be challenging to identify. Contact your county noxious weed coordinator for plant identification assistance.
- Please note that eradication is required in Washington of this Class A noxious weed to prevent it from gaining a foothold.
- Report any sightings to your county noxious weed control board or to noxiousweeds@agr.wa.gov.

