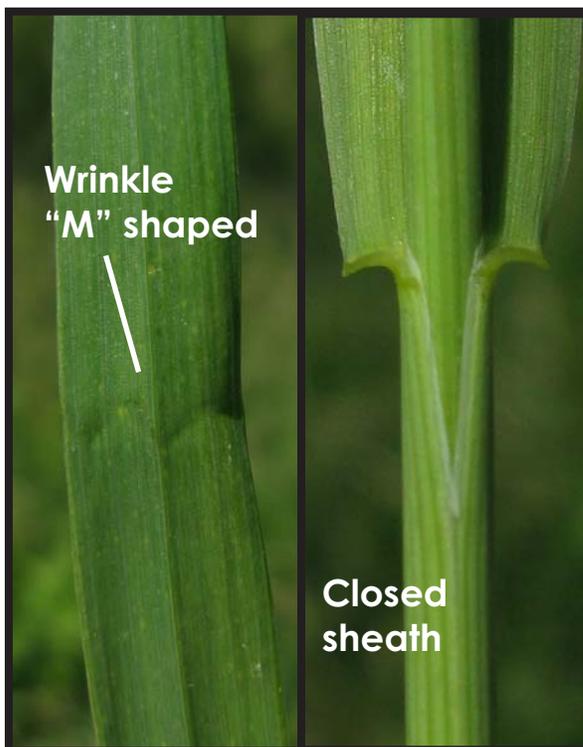


Smooth brome

Bromus inermis

Minnesota C-Value: 0
Wetland Indicator Status: UPL
Non-native Invasive



Leaves: Broad, typically hairless leaves. Leaf has distinct 'M' shaped cross-wrinkle about 1/2 to 2/3 way up the leaf. Ligule < 1 mm; auricles absent.

Stems: Erect stems, up to 3 ft in height. Leaves have closed sheath around the stem, with stiff arches breaking away from the sheath and forming the base of the leaf.

Flowers and fruit: Open panicle to 8 in. long with nodding spikelets. Branchlets whorled off central stalk of panicle. Spikelet 15 - 30 mm long, 3 mm wide.

Plant communities: Uplands, disturbed soil, old fields, roadsides, wet meadows.

Comments: Perennial cool season grass. Easily identified by pendulous heads and the 'M' or 'W' shaped cross-wrinkle in the leaves. Other grasses may have a cross-wrinkle, but typically not as distinct. Valued as a forage crop, yet invasive to native restorations.