

# Brome, Downy (Cheat Grass)

*Bromus tectorum*

Poaceae (Grass Family)

Category:

Noxious



- **Information:** Other names include downy chess, and cheatgrass, can reduce agricultural production and is a fire hazard in roadside ditches.
- **Life Cycle:** Annual or winter annual.
- **Root:** Fibrous roots.
- **Leaves:** Leaf blades are 2-4 mm wide, 5-12 cm long covered with soft hairs, ligule present; toothed, 1-3 mm long.
- **Stems:** Covered with soft hairs, 5-60cm tall.
- **Flower:** Nodding Panicle, often reddish-purple when mature, covered with soft hairs, long awns.
- **Seed/Fruits:** Aggressive seed producer.
- **Toxicity:** Awns can irritate livestock mouths.
- **Control:** early spring, chemical, hand pick.