

# INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT!

## SLENDER FALSE-BROME

(*Brachypodium sylvaticum*)



### HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

#### DESCRIPTION

- Native to Eurasia
  - Perennial bunchgrass
  - Mature plants distinctly bright green with a graceful, nodding form
  - Grow into solid mats, 30 to 45 cm tall
  - Usually remain green throughout the year
  - Young plants resemble a crouching 'many-legged spider'
  - Fringe of fine hairs easily seen around the edge of the leaf when held up to the sky
  - Leaf blade flat and floppy (0.75 cm wide)
  - Open leaf sheath freely releases the stem when pulled back
  - Flower spikelets droop with little to no stalks
  - Fibrous root
  - Prefers closed to semi-open temperate conifer forests but will establish along dry, open roadsides, cobble riparian areas and grasslands
  - Reproduces mainly by seed but also by root and stem fragments
- Local dispersal mainly by wind, water, wildlife, humans and vehicles. Intentional planting for range improvement or ornamental gardens is the main pathway for long distance dispersal.

### REPORT INVASIVE SPECIES

[www.reportaweedbc.ca](http://www.reportaweedbc.ca)

1-888-WEEDSBC



**PRIMARY THREAT: Increases wildfire risk; out-competes native forest understory and grassland vegetation.**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Slender false brome (at right) is capable of hybridizing with other *Brachypodium* species and considered a horticultural species.

#### LOOK-ALIKES

Velvet grass (*Holcus lanatus*),  
Columbia brome (*Bromus vulgaris*) and Montana wild rye (*Elymus albicans*)



#### DISTRIBUTION IN BC

**ONE confirmed site in the Cowichan Valley region.**

For more information: [www.for.gov.bc.ca/hra/Plants/prohibited.htm](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hra/Plants/prohibited.htm)

