

Brachypodium sylvaticum,

Slender False Brome

This is a tough plant to identify. It grows as a clumping grass that curves downward. It has recently been found in Letchworth State Park and is spreading through the PRISMs that it has currently infected.

Population Status: Confirmed- Lower Hudson PRISM, Western NY PRISM. WA, OR, CA, VA.

Description: This is a tufted perennial grass that forms clumps. Its leaves are 4-10 mm wide and has pale green spikelets that grow in groups of five off of a central stalk. There is a dense white pubescence that comes off the node and the leaves themselves are sparsely pubescent. Found in forests and woodlands but could also spread to open habitats.

Control: Dig up entire root system. Put in a garbage bag and dispose of properly.

Look-alikes: Pretty much every species of grass, but especially species in the genus *Bromus*.

Flower Time and Description: July-October, spikelets noticeably droop off the stalk.

