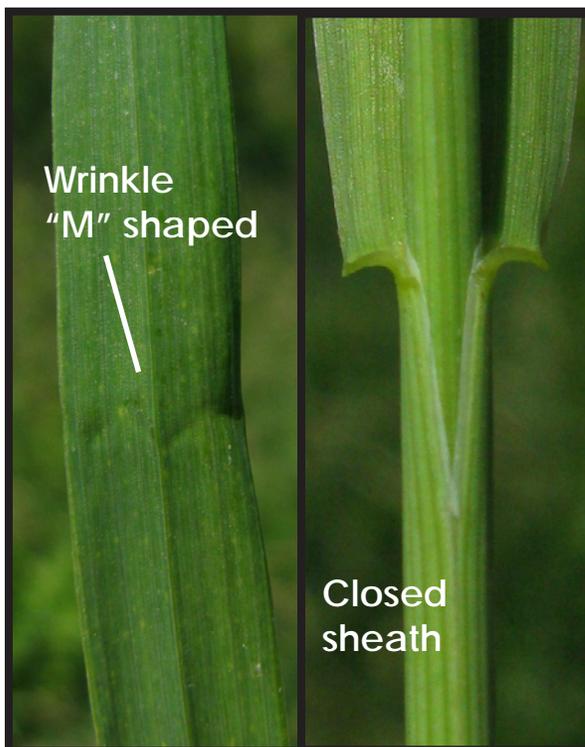


# Smooth brome

*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.