



Bromus tectorum

Common Name(s):

cheatgrass

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial.

Features:

Small, green to bluish-green, annual grass to 20- 90 cm tall. All parts softly hairy. Stems slender, erect or spreading. Leaves 30-160 x 2-4 mm, flat, velvety; emerging leaf rolled; sheath tubular, soon splitting, usually with purplish tinge. Ligule 2-5 mm long, membranous, frayed, whitish. Seeding stem to 1 m long, drooping to one side; panicle dense, soft, usually purplish. Seed spikelets narrow, 20-35 mm long (incl awns 10-17 mm), 2-3 mm wide. Seeds narrow, Spring-Summer.

Flowering:

April, May

Fruiting:

May June

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3542



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