

Cheat

Bromus secalinus L.



Life cycle

Erect to spreading winter annual.

Leaves

Both leaf surfaces and sheath are smooth or sparsely hairy. Leaves are rolled in the bud. Light green leaves have a distinctive twist.

Ligule

Membranous with a fringe of hairs.

Stems

Erect and clump-forming, up to 24 inches tall.

Flowers and fruit

The seedhead is an open, drooping panicle at maturity that produces large, yellowish brown seeds. Seeds also have characteristically

short awns (shorter than those of downy brome).

Reproduction

Seeds.



Patch of cheat.



Cheat collar region.



Cheat seedhead.

Similar weeds

Downy brome (*Bromus tectorum* L.)
Differs by having hairy leaves and longer awns than those of cheat.

Poaceae (Grass family)