

PRISM
 (New York Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management)
NON-NATIVE PLANT INVASIVENESS RANKING FORM

PRISM: Long Island Invasive Species Management Area

Scientific name: Cynanchum rossicum USDA Plants Code: CYRO8
 Common names: European swallow-wort
 Native Distribution: Central Eurasia
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 New York Relative Maximum score: 87.63 Date NY assessment approved: April 15, 2009
 New York State Invasive Rank: Very High

SUMMARY OF PRISM RANKING RESULTS:

Distribution: Common
Estimated number of infested sites: 2+
PRISM Invasiveness Rank: Very High



A. DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE (KNOWN/POTENTIAL):

1. What is the species distribution and abundance in the PRISM?

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| A. Not present | Not Present |
| B. Occurs in three or fewer natural areas (locations that are at least ¼ mile apart) with no infested area* >1 acre or containing >100 individuals | Restricted |
| C. Present in 4–10 natural areas, or with one occupied location >1 acre or containing >100 individuals | Common |
| D. Present in >10 minimally managed areas | Widespread |
| U. Unknown | Unknown |

Answer: Common

Describe distribution:
 Documented from at least 2 sites on Long Island since 1980. One site, The Nature Conservancy's Mashomack Preserve (Shelter Island), is over 1 acre in size. Also, documented from coastal Fairfield Co. CT- just across Long Island Sound. Due to taxonomic/nomenclatural confusion, this species is probably under-reported and in fact may be more common.
 Sources of information:
 Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2009.

*Definition of “infested area” is the “...actual or percentage of land occupied by [canopy cover of] weed plants” NAWMA (North American Weed Management Association) 2002. North American Invasive Plant Mapping Standards (see <http://www.nawma.org/>).

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2. What is the likelihood the species will occur (if not yet present) or expand its distribution and abundance (if already present) in the PRISM?

Answer:

Documentation (e.g.: history of establishment in PRISM, suitability of habitats and climate, distribution models, literature, expert opinions):

Older vouchers attest to its occurrence on Long Island since the 1880s. Due to taxonomic/nomenclatural confusion, this species is probably under-reported and in fact may be more common.

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B. INVASIVENESS RANK IN THE PRISM:

Is the species distribution Widespread or Common?

Yes: Go to column A in table below.

No: What is the likelihood of species occurrence or expansion? Answer:

- Very Likely: Use column A below
- Moderately likely: Use column B below
- Unlikely: Use column C below
- Zero likelihood Invasive potential Insignificant
- Unknown Invasive potential Unknown
- Not assessed Invasive potential not assessed

Assign a PRISM invasiveness rank to the species based on its New York Relative Maximum Score, using the designated column in the table below.

New York Relative Maximum Score	New York Invasiveness Rank	A	B	C
> 80.00	Very High	VH	H	M
70.00–80.00	High	H	M	L
50.00–69.99	Moderate	M	L	Ins
40.00–49.99	Low	L	Ins	Ins
<40.00	Insignificant	Ins	Ins	Ins

Column used: A (Insert PRISM Invasiveness Rank on page 1)

References for species assessment:

Brooklyn Botanic Garden. 2009. AILANTHUS database. [Accessed on 7 April 2009.].

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