

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

PRISM: Long Island Invasive Species Management Area

Scientific name: Froelichia gracilis (Hook.) Moq.      USDA Plants Code: FRGR3  
 Common names: Slender cottonweed  
 Native Distribution: South-central U.S. & northern Mexico  
 Date Assessed: December 4, 2009  
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 New York Relative Maximum score: 53.25      Date NY assessment approved: 12/09/2009  
 New York State Invasive Rank: Moderate

**SUMMARY OF PRISM RANKING RESULTS:**

**Distribution:** Widespread  
**Estimated number of infested sites:** 15  
**PRISM Invasiveness Rank<sup>§</sup>:** Moderate



**A. DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE (KNOWN/POTENTIAL):**

1. What is the species distribution and abundance in the PRISM?
- |  |             |
|--|-------------|
| 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: Widespread

Describe distribution:  
 Reported from about 15 localities on Long Island since 1980.  
 Sources of information:  
 Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2009.

<sup>§</sup>Not Assessable: not persistent in the PRISM, or not found outside of cultivation.

\*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):

History of establishment and suitability of habitats.

Sources of information:

McCauley, 2003; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2009.

**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:**

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