

PRISM

(New York Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management)

NON-NATIVE PLANT INVASIVENESS RANKING FORM

PRISM: Long Island Invasive Species Management Area

Scientific name: Rhamnus cathartica USDA Plants Code: RHCA3
 Common names: Common buckthorn
 Native Distribution: Eurasia
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 New York Relative Maximum score: 81.00 Date NY assessment approved: Nov. 19, 2008
 New York State Invasive Rank: Very High

SUMMARY OF PRISM RANKING RESULTS:

Distribution: Widespread

Estimated number of infested sites: 16+

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: Widespread

Describe distribution:

Known from at least 16 sites on Long Island and Staten Island since 1980; older records indicate presence since the 1880s. LIBS reports it from 10 of 18 townships in Long Island.

Sources of information:

Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2008.

*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, known from at least 16 sites on Long Island and Staten Island since 1980; older records indicate presence since the 1880s.

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Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2008.

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. 2008. AILANTHUS database. [Accessed on November 3, 2008].

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