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.

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

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Poaceae (Grass family)