



# NEW WEED ALERT!

## Slender False Brome

*Brachypodium sylvaticum*

A noxious new neighbor has found its way into northern California. **Slender False Brome**, an invasive grass native to North Africa and Eurasia, has taken over more than 10,000 acres in Oregon. It is currently spreading in the Woodside area, its only known location in California. This bunching grass spreads rapidly from seeds, which it can produce year round. There is an opportunity to eradicate the weed completely before it spreads throughout the state and endangers our natural ecosystems.



### IDENTIFICATION

- Bunchgrass typically 1.5 to 2.3 feet tall, perennial
- Remains bright green longer than many other grasses (through fall and into winter)
- Leaves are broad (~1/2" wide) and droopy
- Hold leaf up to light and look for short hairs regularly spaced along edges
- The base of the leaves are covered with many soft white hairs
- Seed heads have very short or no stems.

### CONTROL

- Spraying with glyphosate (Roundup®) is effective. Carefully follow all label directions for applying herbicides.
- Handpulling may only be effective for small populations. If there are **no** seed heads present, dig out as much of the root as possible and allow entire plant to decay on site. If seed heads **are** present, dig out entire plant, place in a trash bag, and contact Ellen at the Open Space District, who will pick it up and dispose of it properly.
- Mowing every few months only prevents reseeding. An alternate method is necessary to completely kill the plant.
- Slender false brome is found in Thornewood Open Space Preserve and on adjacent private properties along Schilling Lake, Dennis Martin Road and Highway 84 in Woodside and La Honda.

**IF YOU SEE THIS PLANT,**

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