POACEAE (GRAMINEAE) Festuceae  
*Bromus tectorum* L.  
Brte  
cheatgrass, downy brome

**FORM:** Erect annual with fibrous, nonrhizomatous roots, 30-60 cm (1-2 ft) tall, with a single hollow culm. Plant turns reddish-brown following flowering.

**LEAVES:** Blades mostly 2-4 mm broad with a blunt tip, sheaths closed, blades and sheaths pubescent; auricles lacking; ligules jagged (1), 1-3 mm long.

**INFLORESCENCE:** Large, somewhat compact, often drooping, purple-tinged panicle 5-15 cm (2-6 in) long; several large spikelets per slender branch, with several florets per spikelet; lemmas have soft awns (2), rarely bent, 10-15 mm long; April-June.

**HABITAT:** Introduced species, readily invades disturbed sites.