

CHEAT GRASS

This non-native grass readily outcompetes native species, reducing plant diversity and wildlife habitat. It begins to germinate in the winter and quickly completes its life cycle, drying out and posing a serious fire risk. It is a prolific seed producer, with seeds viable in the soil for 2-5 years. A single plant can produce enough seed to grow 1000 plants per square foot. **DO NOT** let cheat grass go to seed! Hand-pull when plants are young; revisit sites throughout the growing season. Cheat grass has become a problem in Jesse Gregg Park that we are attempting to address.