

**PRISM**  
(New York Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management)  
**NON-NATIVE PLANT INVASIVENESS RANKING FORM**

PRISM: Long Island Invasive Species Management Area

Scientific name: Acer pseudoplatanus                      USDA Plants Code: ACPS  
 Common names: Sycamore maple  
 Native Distribution: Central and southern Europe  
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 New York Relative Maximum score: 71.11      Date NY assessment approved: 2008-9-10  
 New York State Invasive Rank: High

**SUMMARY OF PRISM RANKING RESULTS:**

**Distribution:** Widespread  
**Estimated number of infested sites:** >10  
**PRISM Invasiveness Rank:** High



**A. DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE (KNOWN/POTENTIAL):**

1. What is the species distribution and abundance in the PRISM?
- |  |             |
|--|-------------|
| 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:  
 Occurs throughout the LIISMA; most abundant in urban parks in NYC.  
 Sources of information:  
 Weldy & Werier, 2005; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2008; auhtor's (Moore's) personal observations; Tim Wenskus personal observations.

\*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):  
Species already well-documented from the LIISMA  
Sources of information:  
Weldy & Werier, 2005; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2008; auhtor's (Moore's) personal observations; Tim Wenskus personal observations.

**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:**

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