

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

PRISM: Long Island Invasive Species Management Area

Scientific name:	<u>Morus alba</u>	USDA Plants Code: <u>MOAL</u>
Common names:	<u>White mulberry</u>	
Native Distribution	<u>China</u>	
Date Assessed:	<u>8/13/2008</u>	
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New York Relative Maximum score: 68.67      Date NY assessment approved: 2008-08-20  
 New York State Invasive Rank: Moderate

**SUMMARY OF PRISM RANKING RESULTS:**

**Distribution:** Widespread

**Estimated number of infested sites:** >100

**PRISM Invasiveness Rank:** Moderate



**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:  
 Over 200 records, many in parks.  
 Sources of information:  
 Brooklyn Botanic Garden , 2008.

\*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):

Sources of information:

**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	INVASIVE RANK IN PRISM		
		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**

**References for species assessment:**

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