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Scientific name:	Vicia cracca L. s.l. (includes: Vicia cracca L. subsp. cracca, V. cracca subsp tenuifolia (Roth) Gaudin, V. villosa subsp pseudocracca (Bertol.) Ball, V. villosa var. varia (Host) Corb., V. villosa Roth var. villosa) USDA Plants Code: VICRC, VICRT, VIVIP, VIVIV, VIVIV8		
Common names:	Bird vetch, cow vetch, winter vetch, bramble vetch, tufted vetch, shaggy vetch		
Native distribution:	Europe		
Date assessed:	January 15, 2010		
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#### Indiana Invasiveness Rank: Moderate (Relative Maximum Score 50.00-69.99)

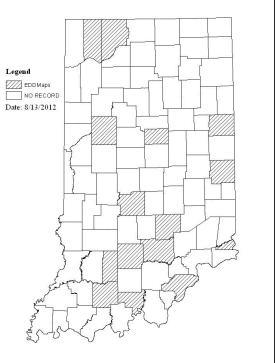
Invasiveness Ranking Summary		Total (Total Answered*)	Total
(see details under appropriate sub-section)		Possible	
1	Ecological impact	40 ( <u>30</u> )	13
2	Biological characteristic and dispersal ability	25 ( <u>25</u> )	19
3	Ecological amplitude and distribution	25 ( <u>25</u> )	13
4	Difficulty of control	10 ( <u>10</u> )	3
	Outcome score	100 ( <u>90</u> ) <sup>b</sup>	48 <sup>a</sup>
	Relative maximum score <sup>†</sup>		53.33
Indiana Invasiveness Rank <sup>§</sup>		Moderate (Relative Maximur	n Score 50.00-69.99)

\* For questions answered "unknown" do not include point value in "Total Answered Points Possible." If "Total Answered Points Possible" is less than 70.00 points, then the overall invasive rank should be listed as "Unknown." †Calculated as 100(a/b) to two decimal places.

\$Very High >80.00; High 70.00-80.00; Moderate 50.00-69.99; Low 40.00-49.99; Insignificant <40.00

#### A. DISTRIBUTION (KNOWN/POTENTIAL):

A1.1. Ha	s this species been documented to persist without		
cultivatio	cultivation in IN? (reliable source; voucher not required)		
$\boxtimes$	Yes – continue to A2.2		
	No – continue to A2.1		
A2.1. WI	hat is the likelihood that this species will occur		
and persi	st outside of cultivation given the climate in Indiana?		
(obtain fr	com occurrence data in other states with similar		
climates)			
	Likely – continue to A2.2		
	Not likely		



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Sources of information: Range maps compiled from PLANTS database, http://plants.usda.gov/java/; Indiana CAPS database, http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/CAPS/index.html; Indiana IPSAWG reports (unpublished); and EDDMapS reports, <u>http://eddmaps.org/</u>.

Vicia cracca and V. villosa are two European species in different subsections of section Cracca; differentiated by subtle perianth morphologies and life durations (see Sect. 2.4) (Tutin & Heywood, 1968; Aarssen et al., 1986; Leht, 2005). Additionally, both species have complicated infra-specific taxonomies (Tutin & Heywood, 1968; Roti-Michelozzi, 1986). Both species are reported to be widespread throughout the Northeast and New York State (USDA, 2010; Weldy & Werier, 2010); although Aarssen et al. (1986) state that V. cracca is the most common. A critical review of herbarium specimens is needed to fully elucidate the occurrence and distribution of these taxa in our area.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2010; Weldy & Werier, 2010.

### If the species does not occur and is not likely to occur in Indiana, then stop here as there is no need to assess the species

A2.2. Describe the potential or known suitable habitats within Indiana (underlined). Natural habitats include all habitats not under active human management. Managed habitats are indicated with an asterisk.

Aquatic Habitats	Wetland Habitats	<b>Upland Habitats</b>
Rivers/streams	Marshes	Forest
Natural lakes and ponds	Fens	Savannas
Reservoirs/impoundments*	Bogs	Barrens
	Shrub swamps	<b>Prairies</b>
	Forested wetlands/riparian	Cultivated*
	Beaches/dunes	<b>Old Fields*</b>
	Ditches*	<b>Roadsides</b> *

Other potential or known suitable habitats within Indiana: waste places, ballast grounds. Documentation: Sources of information:

Brown, 1879; Uva et al., 1997; Seefeldt et al., 2007; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2010.

### **B. INVASIVENESS RANKING**

Questions apply to areas similar in climate and habitats to Indiana unless specified otherwise.

### 1. ECOLOGICAL IMPACT

1.1. Impact on Natural Ecosystem Processes and System-Wide Parameters (e.g. fire regime, geomorphological changes (erosion, sedimentation rates), hydrologic regime, nutrient and mineral dynamics, light availability, salinity, pH)

A. No perceivable impact on ecosystem processes based on research studies, or the absence of impact information if a species is widespread (>10 occurrences in minimally managed areas), has been well-studied (>10 reports/publications), and has been present in the northeast for >100 years.
B. Influences ecosystem processes to a minor degree (e.g., has a perceivable but mild influence on soil nutrient availability)
C. Significant alteration of ecosystem processes (e.g., increases sedimentation rates along 7

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streams or coastlines, reduces open water that are important to waterfowl)
D. Major, possibly irreversible, alteration or disruption of ecosystem processes (e.g., the species alters geomorphology and/or hydrology, affects fire frequency, alters soil pH, or fixes substantial levels of nitrogen in the soil making soil unlikely to support certain native plants or more likely to favor non-native species)

U. Unknown

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		Score		7
	Documentation:			/
	Identify ecosystem processes impacted (or if applicable, justify choosing answer A in absence of impact information)			
	As all members of Fabaceae, it has been demonstrated to increase soil nitrogen levels symbiotic bacteria in their root nodules. One study also found an average of 87% of s			
	under Vicia villosa transmitted less than 1% of unobstructed sunlight (Teasdale & Daughtry, 1993). Sources of information:			
	Brown et al., 1993; Teasdale & Daughtry, 1993; Zomlefer, 1994.			
2. Imp	pact on Natural Community Structure			
A.	No perceived impact; establishes in an existing layer without influencing its structure			(
B.	Influences structure in one layer (e.g., changes the density of one layer)			-
C.	Significant impact in at least one layer (e.g., creation of a new layer or elimination of existing layer) Motor elemention of structure (e.g., course concerv, creation of a new layer or ell layers below			1
D. U.	Major alteration of structure (e.g., covers canopy, eradicating most or all layers below Unknown	()		1(
υ.	Chikhowh	Score		,
	Documentation:			_
	Identify type of impact or alteration:			
	Has been shown to increase the density of the herb layer.			
	Sources of information: Teasdale & Daughtry, 1993; authors' pers. obs.			
Imr	bact on Natural Community Composition			
A.	No perceived impact; causes no apparent change in native populations			(
B.	Influences community composition (e.g., reduces the number of individuals in one or native species in the community)	more		
C.	Significantly alters community composition (e.g., produces a significant reduction in population size of one or more native species in the community)	the		,
D.	Causes major alteration in community composition (e.g., results in the extirpation of e several native species, reducing biodiversity or change the community composition to species exotic to the natural community)			10
U.	Unknown	a	[	
		Score		
	Documentation:			
	Identify type of impact or alteration: One study found reduction of grass emergence under Vicia cracca (Teasdale et al., 20 thus suggesting species is at least reducing the number of individuals of one or more p			
	species in the community. These results agree with observations of the authors. Whil species does certainly alter community composition, it is usually found in old fields in association with other non-native species.	e the		
	Sources of information:			
Imr	Teasdale & Daughtry, 1993; Teasdale et al., 2003; authors' pers. obs. bact on other species or species groups (cumulative impact of this specie	s on		
-	nals, fungi, microbes, and other organisms in the community it invades.	5 011		
	es include reduction in nesting/foraging sites; reduction in habitat			
-	ivity; injurious components such as spines, thorns, burrs, toxins; suppres	sses		
	iment microflora; interferes with native pollinators and/or pollination of			
	pecies; hybridizes with a native species; hosts a non-native disease whic			
pacts	a native species)			
٨	Nagligible perceived impact			

A. Negligible perceived impact

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B.	Minor impact	3
C.	Moderate impact	7
D.	Severe impact on other species or species groups	10
U.	Unknown	
	Score	U
	Documentation:	-
	Identify type of impact or alteration:	
	No studies on the impact to other species located.	
	Sources of information:	
	Total Possible	30
	Section One Total	13
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2 B	IOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND DISPERSAL ABILITY	
	ode and rate of reproduction	
А.	No reproduction by seeds or vegetative propagules (i.e. plant sterile with no sexual or	0
	asexual reproduction).	
В.	Limited reproduction (fewer than 10 viable seeds per plant AND no vegetative	1
	reproduction; if viability is not known, then maximum seed production is less than 100 seeds per plant and no vegetative reproduction)	
C.	Moderate reproduction (fewer than 100 viable seeds per plant - if viability is not known,	2
	then maximum seed production is less than 1000 seeds per plant - OR limited successful	
D	vegetative spread documented)	4
D.	Abundant reproduction with vegetative asexual spread documented as one of the plants prime reproductive means OR more than 100 viable seeds per plant (if viability is not	4
	known, then maximum seed production reported to be greater than 1000 seeds per plant.)	
U.	Unknown	
	Score	4
	Documentation:	
	Describe key reproductive characteristics (including seeds per plant):	
	One study found stems to have an average of 10-40 flowers per inflorescence with 2-6 seeds per pod (Aarssen et al., 1986). Thus individual seed production could easily exceed 1000	
	seeds per plant.	
	Sources of information:	
0 0 T	Aarssen et al., 1986; authors' pers. obs.	
	ate potential for long-distance dispersal (e.g. bird dispersal, sticks to animal hair,	
A.	fruits, pappus for wind-dispersal) Does not occur (no long-distance dispersal mechanisms)	0
A. B.	Infrequent or inefficient long-distance dispersal (occurs occasionally despite lack of	1
D.	adaptations)	1
C.	Moderate opportunities for long-distance dispersal (adaptations exist for long-distance	2
D	dispersal, but studies report that 95% of seeds land within 100 meters of the parent plant)	4
D.	Numerous opportunities for long-distance dispersal (adaptations exist for long-distance dispersal and evidence that many seeds disperse greater than 100 meters from the parent	4
	plant)	
U.	Unknown	
	Score	2
	Documentation:	
	Identify dispersal mechanisms:	
	Seeds taken by mammals and birds (endozoochory) but some may be digested.	

Sources of information:

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	Yocom & Harris, 1953; Aarssen et al., 1986; O'Leske et al, 1996.	
2.3. Pot	ential to be spread by human activities (both directly and indirectly – possible	
mechan	isms include: commercial sales, use as forage/revegetation, spread along	
	ys, transport on boats, contaminated compost, land and vegetation	
	ment equipment such as mowers and excavators, etc.)	
A.	Does not occur	0
В.	Low (human dispersal to new areas occurs almost exclusively by direct means and is infrequent or inefficient)	1
C.	Moderate (human dispersal to new areas occurs by direct and indirect means to a moderate	2
D.	extent) High (opportunities for human dispersal to new areas by direct and indirect means are	3
U.	numerous, frequent, and successful) Unknown	
0.	Score	3
		5
	Documentation:	
	Identify dispersal mechanisms:	
	Vicia cracca s.l. used as a grazing or conserved fodder (hay/silage) crop, a green manure, or ground cover/mulches in no-till planted rows in fields, orchards, organic farms; and hairy	
	vetch mulch used as N fertilizer and weed control for vegetable production (Teasdale &	
	Daughtry, 1993; Kelly et al., 1995; Sainju et al., 2003). Used less today due to its weedy	
	nature; when it is used it is oftentimes not allowed to set seed. Formerly reported from ballast	
	dumping grounds (Brown, 1879). Seeds could also be readily dispersed by mowing and	
	farming equipment.	
	Sources of information:	
	Brown, 1879; Teasdale & Daughtry, 1993; Kelly et al., 1995; Sainju et al., 2003; authors'	
	pers. obs	
2.4. Ch	aracteristics that increase competitive advantage, such as shade tolerance,	
	o grow on infertile soils, perennial habit, fast growth, nitrogen fixation,	
•	thy, etc.	
A.	Possesses no characteristics that increase competitive advantage	0
В.	Possesses one characteristic that increases competitive advantage	3
	Possesses two or more characteristics that increase competitive advantage	
C.	Unknown	6
U.		
	Score	6
	Documentation:	
	Evidence of competitive ability:	
	Species fixes nitrogen. Vicia cracca s.l. has demonstrated allelopathic effects (White et al.,	
	1989; Kamo et al., 2003; Hill et al., 2007) (V. cracca- perennial, V. villosa- annual or	
	biennial) (Tutin & Heywood, 1968; Aarssen et al., 1986; Leht, 2005). Some cultivars of V.	
	villosa may persist for more than one year. Frost- and winter-resistant cultivars mentioned as "hibernating" in one Russian study (Lakhanov & Muzalevskaya, 1980); and Aarssen et	
	al. (1986) state that V. villosa has a high degree of winter hardiness and fall-germinating	
	specimens overwinter as seedlings. Both species reportedly not specialized in their substrate	
	requirements (Aarssen et al., 1986), and can grow on nutrient poor soils	
	Sources of information:	
	Tutin & Heywood, 1968; Lakhanov & Muzalevskaya, 1980; Aarssen et al., 1986; White et	
	al., 1989; Kamo et al., 2003; Leht, 2005; Hill et al., 2007; authors' pers. obs	
2.5. Gro	owth vigor	
A.	Does not form thickets or have a climbing or smothering growth habit	0
п	Use alimbing or smothering growth habit forms a danse layer shows shorter vegetation	0

B. Has climbing or smothering growth habit, forms a dense layer above shorter vegetation,

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forms dense thickets, or forms a dense floating mat in aquatic systems where it smothers other vegetation or organisms

U. Unknown

0.	Score	2
	Documentation: Describe growth form: Vicia cracca s.l. has a climbing habit (Aarssen et al., 1986) and sometimes exhibits a smothering growth habit.	
	Sources of information:	
	author's personal observations; Aarssen et al., 1986	
	rmination/Regeneration	
А.	Requires open soil or water and disturbance for seed germination, or regeneration from vegetative propagules.	0
В.	Can germinate/regenerate in vegetated areas but in a narrow range or in special conditions	2
C.	Can germinate/regenerate in existing vegetation in a wide range of conditions	3
U.	Unknown (No studies have been completed)	
	Score	2
	Documentation:	
	Describe germination requirements:	
	Germination rates for Vicia cracca and V. villosa have been reported as high as 82% and 98% respectively following scarification, although a small percentage of seeds germinated without any treatment. Seeds usually found germinating in open soil.	
	Sources of information:	
	Aarssen et al., 1986.	
	her species in the genus invasive in Indiana or elsewhere No	0
A.	Yes	0
B.		3
U.	Unknown	
1	Score	0
	Documentation:	
	Species: Vicia benghalensis, V. faba, V. grandiflora, V. hirsuta, V. lathyroides, V. laxiflora, V.	
	monantha, V. narbonensis, V. pannonica, V. peregrina, V. sativa, V. sepium, V. tetrasperma reported from the northeast; Vicia sativa and V. tetrasperma listed as a weeds by Uva et al,	
	1997; no Vicia species listed as invasive in NY or elsewhere.	
	Uva et al., 1997; Mehrhoff, 2003; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2010; CJISST, 2010; Weldy & Werier, 2010; U.S.D.A. NRCS, 2010.	
	Total Possible	25
	Section Two Total	19

### 3. ECOLOGICAL AMPLITUDE AND DISTRIBUTION

3.1. Density of stands in natural areas in the northeastern USA and eastern Canada (use same definition as Gleason & Cronquist which is: "The part of the United States covered extends from the Atlantic Ocean west to the western boundaries of Minnesota, Iowa, northern Missouri, and southern Illinois, south to the southern boundaries of Virginia, Kentucky, and Illinois, and south to the Missouri River in Missouri. In Canada the area covered includes Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and parts of Quebec and Ontario lying south of the 47th parallel of

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C.	Native range includes climates similar to those in Indiana	3
U.	Unknown	2
	Score	3
2.5 Cu	Documentation: Describe what part of the native range is similar in climate to Indiana: The native range of both species includes northern Europe (Tutin & Heywood, 1968). Vicia cracca reported to be expanding along Alaskan roadsides (Seefeldt et al., 2007) and reported as naturalized as far north as Alberta (Aarssen et al., 1986). Vicia villosa reported naturalized as far north as Alaska and sothern Canada (Aarssen et al., 1986). Sources of information: Tutin & Heywood, 1968; Aarssen et al., 1986; Seefeldt et al., 2007. rrrent introduced distribution in the northeastern USA and eastern Canada (see	
	n 3.1 for definition of geographic scope )	
A.	Not known from the northeastern US and adjacent Canada	0
A. B.	Present as a non-native in one northeastern USA state and/or eastern Canadian province.	1
D. C.	Present as a non-native in 2 or 3 northeastern USA states and/or eastern Canadian	2
C.	provinces.	
D.	Present as a non-native in 4–8 northeastern USA states and/or eastern Canadian provinces, and/or categorized as a problem weed (e.g., "Noxious" or "Invasive") in 1 northeastern state or eastern Canadian province.	3
E.	Present as a non-native in >8 northeastern USA states and/or eastern Canadian provinces. and/or categorized as a problem weed (e.g., "Noxious" or "Invasive") in 2 northeastern states or eastern Canadian provinces.	4
U.	Unknown	
	Score	4
	Documentation: Identify states and provinces invaded: Both species reported from all northeastern states and provinces. Sources of information: See known introduced range in plants.usda.gov, and update with information from states and Canadian provinces. Aarssen et al., 1986; U.S.D.A. NRCS, 2010.	
	rrent introduced distribution of the species in natural areas in Indiana Present in no Indiana counties	0
A.	Present in 1-10 Indiana counties	0
В. С.	Present in 11-20 Indiana counties	1
C. D.	Present in 21-50 Indiana counties	2 3
D. E.	Present in more than 50 Indiana counties or on Federal noxious weed list	3 4
U.	Unknown	4
0.	Score	2
	Documentation:	
	Describe distribution: See A1.1. Sources of information: Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2010; Weldy & Werier, 2010.	
	2. compa 2 cualité Guidell, 2010, Henry & Henrie, 2010.	
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	Section Three Total	13

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	FFICULTY OF CONTROL		
	ed banks		
4.1. See A.	Seeds (or vegetative propagules) remain viable in soil for less than 1 year, or does not a	make	0
А.	viable seeds or persistent propagules.	marc	0
B.	Seeds (or vegetative propagules) remain viable in soil for at least 1 to 10 years		2
C.	Seeds (or vegetative propagules) remain viable in soil for more than 10 years		2 3
U.	Unknown		
		Score	2
	Documentation:	L	
	Identify longevity of seed bank:		
	Seed banking of Vicia cracca- viable for at least 2.5 years (Van Assche et al., 2003) bu	t less	
	than 5 years (Roberts & Boddrell, 1985; Thompson et al., 1993).		
	Sources of information: Roberts & Boddrell, 1985; Thompson et al., 1993; Van Assche et al., 2003		
4.2. Ve	getative regeneration		
A.	No regrowth following removal of aboveground growth		0
B.	Regrowth from ground-level meristems		1
C.	Regrowth from extensive underground system		
D.	Any plant part is a viable propagule		2 3
U.	Unknown		C
0.		Score	1
	Documentation:	L	
	Describe vegetative response:		
	Vicia cracca when perennial could presumably resprout from roots. Vicia cracca has be	een	
	reported to have strong vegetative growth in response to previous year burning.		
	Sources of information: Aarssen et al., 1986.		
43 I ev	vel of effort required		
A.	Management is not required: e.g., species does not persist without repeated anthropoge	nic	0
11.	disturbance.		0
В.	Management is relatively easy and inexpensive: e.g. 10 or fewer person-hours of manu	al	2
	effort (pulling, cutting and/or digging) can eradicate a 1 acre infestation in 1 year		
C.	(infestation averages 50% cover or 1 plant/100 ft <sup>2</sup> ). Management requires a major short-term investment: e.g. 100 or fewer person-hours/ye	ear of	3
C.	manual effort, or up to 10 person-hours/year using mechanical equipment (chain saws,		5
	mowers, etc.) for 2-5 years to suppress a 1 acre infestation. Eradication is difficult, but		
_	possible (infestation as above).	-	
D.	Management requires a major investment: e.g. more than 100 person-hours/year of main affort, or more than 10 person hours/year using mechanical aquipment, or the use of	nual	4
	effort, or more than 10 person hours/year using mechanical equipment, or the use of herbicide, grazing animals, fire, etc. for more than 5 years to suppress a 1 acre infestati	on.	
	Eradication may be impossible (infestation as above).	011.	
U.	Unknown		
		Score	0
	Documentation:	<u> </u>	
	Identify types of control methods and time-term required:		
	Vicia villosa is listed as a weed by Uva et al, 1997; V. cracca is noted as "persistent and		
	difficult to control" (Aarssen et al., 1986). Neither species listed as invasive by Mehrho al., 2003 nor CJISST, 2010. No studies delineating specific management costs or time		
	been located. Chemical Control: Vicia cracca- complete control was achieved with rate		
	clopyralid, dicamba plus diflufenzopyr, triclopyr, and 2,4-D that were a fourth to an eig		
	of the full registered rate (Seefeldt et al., 2007). Vicia cracca- combinations of metribu		

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and metolachlor, and thifensulfuron methyl/tribenuron methyl when used in combinations with MCPA amine provide good control (Ivany, 2001). Both species reportedly controlled with alachor, clopyrlid, diphenamid, propyzamide, glyphosate, et al., for a complete list see Aarssen et al. (1986). BioControl: Numerous viral, fungal, insect and nematode pests have been recorded on these species, (Blanton, 1939; Aarssen et al., 1986); but no studies have been found demonstrating their use as dedicated biocontrol. Fire Control: Vicia cracca has been reported to have strong vegetative growth the year following burning (Aarssen et al., 1986). Sources of information:

Blanton, 1939; Tutin & Heywood, 1968; Aarssen et al., 1986; Roti-Michelozzi, 1986; Uva et al., 1997; Ivany, 2001; Mehrhoff et al., 2003; Leht, 2005; Seefeldt et al., 2007; CJISST, 2010; USDA, 2010; Weldy & Werier, 2010.

Total Possible	10
Section Four Total	3

Total for 4 sections Possible	90
<b>Total for 4 sections</b>	48

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