

ROUGH BLUEGRASS

Poa trivialis



ORIGIN AND DESCRIPTION

Introduced from Europe as a lawn grass for shady areas, distributed in the northern U.S. Short to medium height, cool season, sod forming perennial grass. Densely tufted and turf growth with abundant, widely spreading rhizomes. Leaves dark green, mostly basal and fine-textured. Inflorescence an open panicle.

GROWTH HABIT AND ENVIRONMENT PREFERENCES

Thrives in moist, cool, temperate climates, not adapted to dry sites. Grows best in fertile sandy

to clayey alluvial soils high in organic matter. Weakly tolerant of acid, and salty soils.

CULTURE

Drill no deeper than 1/4" on heavier soils and 1/2" on lighter textured soils. Often broadcasted and rolled or cultipacked to press seed into surface soil. Supplemental mulch improves stand establishment. Seeding about 1 to 2 lbs. PLS per 1,000-sq. ft. for turf. Need to keep moist. Consider sod transplanting where early cover is needed.

Plant in early fall (August to September) for humid lowland elevations or early spring, Commonly seeded alone or in mixtures with other turf grasses for landscaping, lawns, greens or soil stabilizing.

USE AND MANAGEMENT

Good with other turf grasses, lawns and landscaping around industrial sites. Some varieties selected for use on putting greens. In southern U.S. used for over-seeding in mixtures and component in shade mixtures often with perennial ryegrass and fine fescues. Over-seed during summer in northern climates and over-seed Bermuda grass in winter in southern climates and in open sun. Needs about 24" ppt. or irrigation for good performance. Good shade and cold tolerance. Dormant during summer months.

IMPROVED VARIETIES

- 'Colt' released by PST and Pickseed West Inc.
- 'Cypress' released from Germany.
- 'Polder' released by Mommersteeg International.
- 'Sabre' released by International Seed.

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