

# CHEWING FESCUE

*Festuca rubra* ssp. *commutata*



## ORIGIN AND DESCRIPTION

Introduced into North America from Europe for general-purpose turf and erosion control. Cool-season, long-lived, Bunchgrass. Grows more erect than red fescue. Culms 1 to 2' tall loosely or closely tufted, bent or decumbent at base. Leaves numerous, fine, blue green, narrow, with inrolled leafblades. Small panicle seed head. Many low-growing selections used for turf grass.

## GROWTH HABITS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PREFERENCES

Grows over a wide range of soil types, including silty to clayey soils. Adapted to humid moist sites in the northern states. Valuable for shade tolerance.

## CULTURE

Plant seed 1/4 – 1/2" deep on coarse textured soils and 1/4" or shallower on fine-textured soils. Better stands obtained on firm seedbed. Drill a minimum of 1.5 to 3.0 lbs. PLS per acre for satisfactory stands on dry land. Seed 2 to 3 lbs. per 1,000-sq. ft. for turf establishment. Increase rate 50-100% for harsh sites, when broadcasting and with irrigation. Seed in early spring at lower altitudes with reliable moisture or irrigation and late fall at lower mountain elevations. Seed as soon as possible after disturbance at higher mountain elevations.

## USE AND MANAGEMENT

Used primarily for lawns and general-purpose turf grass mixtures for shade and winter color. Used on golf greens, roads, cuts and stream bank revegetation. Suitable on irrigated sites or sites having over 18" ppt.

## IMPROVED VARIETIES

Many turf types are available. Contact our turf specialist at Pawnee Buttes Seed Inc. for information.

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