

CREeping RED FESCUE

Festuca rubra ssp. *rubra*



ORIGIN AND DESCRIPTION

Introduced into North America from Europe for general-purpose turf and erosion control. Cool season, long-lived, sod-forming grass. Culms, 1 to 2' tall loosely or closely tufted, bent or decumbent at base. Leaves numerous, fine, rough, blue green, narrow, inrolled leafblades. Small panicle seed head. Several low growing selections used for low maintenance turf.

GROWTH HABITS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PREFERENCES

Grows over a wide range of soil types, including silty to clayey soils. Adapted to cool moist sites in the Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountains, south into Colorado and New Mexico. Valuable 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. PLS per 1,000-sq. ft. for lawn and turf establishments. 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 following 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.

Used for pastures in the northern states and Pacific Northwest in relatively moist cool areas.

IMPROVED VARIETIES

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

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