

Poa pratensis

(Kentucky Bluegrass)

Kentucky bluegrass is one of the most widely grown cool-season species because of its dark green color, its medium to fine texture, and its fast recovery from stresses (due to its aggressive rhizome system). Kentucky bluegrass is often confused with tall fescue and/or perennial ryegrass. However, Kentucky bluegrass has a boat-shaped leaf tip and distinctive light-colored lines on both sides of the midrib.

Kentucky bluegrass is often mixed with other cool-season grasses like tall fescue to enhance the ability of the turfgrass stand to recover from stresses.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Kentucky Bluegrass

Pronunciation: POH-ah pray-TEN-sis

Plant Type: Lawn

Origin: Europe

Heat Zones:

Hardiness Zones: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Uses: Sports Field, Erosion control

Size/Shape

Tree Shape:

Height at Maturity: Less than 0.5 m

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Fine

Leaf Scent:

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Color: Brown

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements:

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Mowing Height: 5 - 7 cm

Mowing Requirements: frequent

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts:

Plant Propagations: Seed, Sod, Rhizomes

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