

Festuca rubra

(Red fescue)

Red fescue is found in many natural green areas on nearly all types of soils and under widely varying moisture conditions. Red fescue is relatively slow growing in the sowing year, and has very fine leaves and high shoot density. It thrives under a wide range of conditions, but is noted for its tolerance to dry poor soil. It is very resistant to frost and drought, and it tolerates some surface water during the winter. It has excellent shade tolerance.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

<b>French Name:</b> Fétuque rouge
<b>Pronunciation:</b> fes-TOO-kuh ROO-bruh
<b>Plant Type:</b> Lawn
<b>Origin:</b> North America
<b>Heat Zones:</b> 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
<b>Hardiness Zones:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
<b>Uses:</b> Sports Field

Size/Shape

<b>Growth Rate:</b> Fast
<b>Tree Shape:</b> Spreading
<b>Height at Maturity:</b> Less than 0.5 m
<b>Spread at Maturity:</b> Less than 50 cm
<b>Time to Ultimate Height:</b> 1 Year

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Flower Image

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Spiral

**Leaf Venation:** Parallel

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Linear

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Fine

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Mowing Height:** 5 - 7 cm

**Mowing Requirements:** A high mowing cut is recommended

**Edible Parts:** None

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Sod

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