

SWORD HARD FESCUE

Festuca brevipila

DESCRIPTION

Sword Hard Fescue has many low input applications on golf courses, roadsides, parks and lawns. It thrives in low input management programs where little or no nitrogen is applied and mowing and irrigation is limited or restricted. National trials in multiple locations show Sword exceling under nitrogen rates of 0-1 pounds per 1000 ft² per year (higher rates result in declining performance). Mature stands are short-statured with seed head expression normally above knee height and a maximum height of 30 inches achieved with lower seeding rates and optimum conditions and soils. Sword Hard Fescue is excellent for use in native, naturalized, and wildflower mixtures. It is also used as a cool-season nurse species. With low seeding rates, Sword will not form super dense and heavy thatch sod so it will not out-compete other desirable species.

APPLICATION

- Far roughs on the golf course, shady sites, for stabilizing roadsides and ditch banks
- Tree, nursery, and orchard plantings
- Landing strips, runway shoulders, logging roads, parks, ski slopes

GEOGRAPHICAL ADAPTATION

Cool-season and transition zones including higher elevations of the southeast and arid regions with a minimum of 16 inches annual rainfall per year

PRODUCTION AREAS

Pacific Northwest

SEEDS PER POUND (APPROXIMATE)

~565,000

FEATURES & BENEFITS

- Reduced fertility requirements
- Reduced water usage
- Reduced mowing frequency
- Excellent for environmentally sensitive sites
- Excellent shade tolerance
- Proven, dependable, and adaptive

RATE*

- Overseeding: 1– 2 lbs./1,000 ft².
- New Seeding: 2– 3 lbs./1,000 ft².

*local conditions vary and dictate rates



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