

# LITTLE BIGHORN AMERICAN SHEEP FESCUE

*Festuca ovina*

## DESCRIPTION

Less dense and generally better suited for low naturalized sites, Little Bighorn American Sheep Fescue is different than its turf-type cousins, many of which can have parentage tracked to European turf breeding programs. Little Bighorn is a less dense bunchgrass suitable for naturalized sites, often found in golf course outer roughs and other meadow-type areas. Little Bighorn will not form a dense, sod-forming turf but provides compact plants with upright foliage and red-purple seed heads throughout the sward. The foliage has a slight bluish cast during the spring growth period. Excellent as a nurse with native grasses and wildflowers, Little Bighorn is at home in naturalized areas with low fertilizer and water input requirements where traffic will be minimal. To manage and suppress seed heads, a mowing at the seed head extension period (mid-May – mid-June) is often the only mowing required. Little Bighorn requires low seeding rates compared to other turf rates.

## APPLICATION

- Naturalized and low maintenance areas on golf courses, parks, reclamation areas, open areas

## 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)

~550,000

## FEATURES & BENEFITS

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

## RATE\*

- 0.5 – 4 lbs./1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.

\*Local conditions vary and dictate rates



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