

Aurora Gold

AURORA GOLD HARD FESCUE

Compact medium dark green, fine-leaved, dense, low-growing habit

Good drought tolerance with reliable summer performance

Excellent shade performance

Good resistance to Dollar Spot Leaf Spot and Red Thread

Low Maintenance – excels where mowing, water and fertilization requirements are low or non-existent

6% endophyte content for insect resistance



'Aurora Gold' is a 'one-of-kind' hard fescue

Well suited for both full sun and moderate shade, 'Aurora Gold' also mixes well with other fine fescues and perennial ryegrass.

When used in a cover-crop situation, 'Aurora Gold' is especially well adapted for all situations where a cover-crop is required to reduce erosion, dust, and weeds. For golf course extreme rough situations, 'Aurora Gold' will perform extremely well in an unmowed, naturalized situation providing a visual, seasonal change with seed head development and a maturing plant.

MAIN USES

- All low maintenance turf situations, including amenity areas such as roadsides.
- Unmowed areas such as slopes and golf course rough areas.
- In temperate climates, all cover crop situations where grass is used.
- Full sun to moderate shade.

ESTABLISHMENT

- For mowed, premium turf, seed at 25-30g per sq.m. Mowed low maintenance turf, 15-20g per sq.m.
- For unmowed situations and cover crop, 1-2 lbs per 1000 sq. ft.
- Seed spring, late summer and early autumn. Autumn is best for unirrigated areas. Avoid late spring/summer plantings in most areas.
- During germination, keep seed bed uniformly moist for approximately 3 weeks.
- Seed germinates in 10-14 days with full establishment in 8-10 weeks.
- Light use in 10-12 weeks.

MAINTENANCE

- Recommended mowing height 75mm.
- Water deeply and infrequently to promote a strong, deep root system.

SUMMARY

Species	Variety	Shade Tolerance	Cold Tolerance	Drought Tolerance	Wear Tolerance	Salinity Tolerance
Tall Fescue	Farandole	Very good	Good	Very good	Very good	-
Perennial ryegrass	Brightstar	Fair to good	Fair to good	Fair	Excellent	-
Perennial ryegrass	Vantage	Fair to good	Fair to good	Fair	Excellent	Good
Perennial ryegrass	Fairway	Fair to good	Fair to good	Fair	Excellent	-
Hard fescue	Aurora Gold	Very good	Very good	Very good	-	-
Creeping red fescue	Florentine GT	Very good	Very good	Good	-	Good
Slender creeping red fescue	Seabreeze GT	Very good	Very good	Good	-	Good
Colonial bentgrass	Alister	Very good	Very good	Fair	Good	-
Creeping bentgrass	Penn A1	Fair	Excellent	Very good	Good	-
Creeping bentgrass	Penn A4	Fair	Excellent	Very good	Good	-
Creeping bentgrass	Penn G2	Fair	Excellent	Very good	Good	-
Creeping bentgrass	Penn G6	Fair	Excellent	Very good	Good	-

Species	Variety	Seeding Rate g/m ²	Parks Housing Recreational	Sports Turf	Tennis Bowls Croquet	Golf Fairways	Golf Roughs	Golf Tees	Golf Greens
Tall Fescue	Farandole	40-50	●	●	○	○	●	○	○
Perennial ryegrass	Brightstar	35-50	●	●	●	●	●	●	○
Perennial ryegrass	Vantage	35-50	●	●	●	●	●	●	○
Perennial ryegrass	Fairway	75	●	●	●	●	●	●	○
Hard fescue	Aurora Gold	25-30	●	●	○	●	●	○	○
Creeping red fescue	Florentine GT	20-30	●	●	○	●	●	○	○
Slender creeping red fescue	Seabreeze GT	20-30	●	●	○	●	●	○	○
Colonial bentgrass	Alister	3-5	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
Creeping bentgrass	Penn A1	4-6	○	○	●	●	○	●	●
Creeping bentgrass	Penn A4	4-6	○	○	●	●	○	●	●
Creeping bentgrass	Penn G2	4-6	○	○	●	●	○	●	●
Creeping bentgrass	Penn G6	4-6	○	○	●	●	○	●	●

- Key:
- Excellent monostand or in blends and mixtures
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 - Fair, use only in mixture
 - Not recommended