

Foothills Rough Fescue

(festuca campestris)



Native foothills grass

Rough fescues originated from the arctotertiary flora. They were adapted to the subalpine and boreal forest climates and continue to this day to be grasses of the subalpine or grasses of the forest edge.

Growth Habit

Densely tufted plant, often forming large tussocks, with fibrous roots. Spreads through seeds and rhizomes. Grows erect, solitary bunch grass. Plant grows from 0.3 to 0.8 m range in height. Foliage grey to blue green.

Adaptation

Found on mountain slopes and is a dominant climax species in the foothills grassland. Grows in dry grasslands, forest openings and rocky mountains especially where moisture limitations are significant. Good early spring protein.

Reclamation

A must usage on dry slopes where there is a thin black layer of soil. Recommended for revegetating disturbances as well as restoring altered rangelands. Best used in a mix with early successional grasses that will provide the necessary cover while the rough fescue establishes itself.

Quick Facts

Growth Habit	Flooding Tolerance	Drought Tolerance	Seeds/lb.
Densely Tufted	Poor	Good	197,000- 297,000