



# Predator Hard Fescue

## Key Points

- Slow establishing and growing but excellent quality once established
- Dark green colour
- Improved resistance to brown patch, dollar spot and leaf spot
- Best performance under low fertility
- Good persistence under drought conditions

## **PREDATOR** *Hard Fescue*

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## Characteristics and areas of use

Predator hard fescue forms an excellent quality dark, dense and fine turf that is difficult to tell from chewings fescue. It is a slow growing species that is tolerant of low fertility and drought in suitable soils. Drought tolerance and persistence is best on heavy soils and moist loams but is poor on sands without irrigation. Under low fertility Predator hard fescue exhibits better quality compared to most chewings and creeping red fescues, showing more green and less brown colour. Its good shade tolerance coupled with drought tolerance makes it a good choice for sowing under trees. Its slow growth is a bonus around bunker edges and other areas where hand trimming is required. Due to its slow establishment rate it should not be mixed with other grasses except for fine fescues unless the proportion of rapid establishing species is kept low.

## Sowing rate and maintenance

Sowing rate for lawns and parks is 30-50 g/m<sup>2</sup> (300-500kg/ha). Cover seed to a depth not exceeding 6mm and keep seedlings moist until well rooted. The first mowing should be when the grass blades reach a length of 50mm; mow back to 30mm until turf is established. The establishment rate is slow with full coverage not expected until 14 weeks after sowing or longer.