

# Sword

## Hard Fescue *Festuca longifolia*

### DESCRIPTION

Sword 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.

### APPLICATIONS

Use Sword hard fescue in fair roughs on the golf course, in shady sites, for stabilizing roadsides and ditch banks, tree, nursery, & orchard plantings, landing strips, runway shoulders, logging roads, parks and ski slopes. Mature stands are short-statured with seed head expression normally about knee height and a maximum height of 30" achieved with lower seeding rates and optimum conditions/soils.

Excellent for use in native, naturalized, and wildflower mixtures, used as a cool season nurse.

With low seeding rates, Sword will not form super dense & heavy thatch sod= will not out-compete other desirable species.

Traffic must be restricted from fi

### GEOGRAPHICAL ADAPTATION

Adapted to the cool season zone and transition zone including higher elevations of the south-east, and arid regions with a minimum of 16" of annual rainfall per year.

### SEEDS PER POUND

@565,000

### FEATURES & BENEFITS

- **Reduces fertility requirements**
- **Reduces water usage**
- **Reduces mowing frequency**
- **Excellent for environmentally sensitive sites**
- **Excellent Shade Tolerance**
- **Proven, Dependable & Adaptive**
- ***In National trials in multiple locations, Sword excels under low maintenance . Nitrogen rates higher than 1 Lb N/1000 sq. ft. / year, summer mowing and traffic will all contribute to declining performance or stand failure.***

### PRODUCTION AREAS

Pacific Northwest

### RATE\*

Overseeding 1-3 lbs./1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.

New Seeding 2-4 lbs./1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.

\*local conditions vary and dictate rates



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VARIETY	GENETIC COLOR	DOLLOAR SPOT	RED THREAD	MEAN TURF QUALITY
<b>SWORD Hard Fescue</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>
GOTHAM Hard Fescue	5.0	3.0	7.7	5.6
SPARTAN II Hard Fescue	5.7	2.7	7.3	5.4
BEACON Hard Fescue	5.0	4.3	8.3	5.0
PST-4HES Hard Fescue	5.3	3.3	7.0	4.9
BOREAL Strong Creeping Red Fescue	5.0	2.3	4.3	3.2
LSD VALUE	3.2	1.9	1.7	0.6

Highest to Lowest Hard Fescue Entries plus lowest entry. 2012 Data,  
2008 NATIONAL FINELEAF FESCUE TEST AT ADELPHIA, NJ.

- LOW INPUT LAWNS
- GOLF COURSE ROUGHS
- HILL SIDES & BETWEEN ORCHARD & NURSERY ROWS
- FULL SUN TO SHADE



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