

PREDATOR

Hard Fescue



Festuca rubra ssp. commutate

Experimental Designation - PST

Predator is an endophyte enhanced turfgrass that requires less irrigation frequency than bluegrass, ryegrass and other fine fescues. **Predator** is shade tolerant and is ideal for home lawns, parks, and high traffic applications. It exhibits good wear tolerance and resists hard use on athletic fields, and parks. **Predator** is highlighted by its dark green color and moderately fine leaf texture. It has an early spring green-up and holds its color late into the fall. **Predator** also exhibits frost tolerance and winter hardiness, enabling its use into the northern states. **Predator** has performed well under low to moderate fertility, but performs better under high fertility levels associated with the maintenance of extensively used athletic fields and showcase lawns.

Characteristics:

- Moderately dark green variety with reduced vertical growth rate
- Endophyte enhanced for increased disease and wear tolerance
- Improved resistance to Brown Patch, Dollar Spot, and Leaf Spot
- Excellent resistance to Chinch Bugs and Aphids
- Good performance under low fertility and persistence under drought conditions
- Mixes well with other tall fescues and bluegrasses for sod production

Recommended Use: Golf Courses (outer), Parks, Athletic Fields, and Home Lawns

Climatic Zones: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (may not be adaptable to all areas within each climatic zone)

Establishment & Maintenance:

Cover seed to a depth not exceeding 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) and keep seedlings moist until well rooted. The first mowing can be expected after 30 days, or when the grass blades reach a length of 3 inches (76.2 mm) mow back to 2 inches (50.8 mm) until turf is established. Limited use of the area can be expected in 6 weeks. **Predator** can tolerate a mowing height of 1.5 inches (38.1 mm).

Seeding Rates:

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| • Lawns, Parks | 8 - 10 lbs/1000 sq ft
(3 1/2 - 5 kgs/100 sq meters) |
| • Roughs | 5 - 10 lbs/1000 sq ft
(2 - 5 kgs/100 sq meters) |
| • Athletic Fields/Parks | 10 - 15 lbs/1000 sq ft
(5 - 7 kgs/100 sq meters) |
| • Sod Farms | 8 - 10 lbs/1000 sq ft
(3 1/2 - 5 kgs/100 sq meters) |

This variety was bred and developed at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ.