Blue Whiskers Blue Fescue

Festuca glauca 'Blue Whiskers'

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 20 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A taller, vigorous clump grass with long, bright, silver blue foliage for a soft, graceful look; chartreuse flowers appear above the clump in early summer and age to tan; makes a fantastic color accent in the border; not a spreading grass

Ornamental Features

Blue Whiskers Blue Fescue features airy spikes of chartreuse flowers rising above the foliage from early to mid summer. Its attractive grassy leaves remain silvery blue in color throughout the year. The tan seed heads are carried on spikes from mid summer to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Blue Whiskers Blue Fescue is an herbaceous evergreen perennial grass with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blue Whiskers Blue Fescue is recommended for the following landscape applications;



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Planting & Growing

Blue Whiskers Blue Fescue will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 20 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 8 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to dry locations, and dislikes excessive moisture. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Blue Whiskers Blue Fescue is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.