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Glow Sticks Blue Fescue

Festuca arundinacea 'Glow Sticks'



Glow Sticks Blue Fescue
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

Mounded dark green foliage create the perfect backdrop for tall, lemon-yellow flower stalks; great color accent in borders, not a spreading grass; useful in dryer areas but try not to subject it to extremes; excellent disease, heat and humidity resistance

Ornamental Features

Glow Sticks Blue Fescue is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. Its attractive grassy leaves remain forest green in color throughout the year. The tan seed heads are carried on spikes from mid summer to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Glow Sticks 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.

Glow Sticks Blue Fescue is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

Glow Sticks Blue Fescue will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 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. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. 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.

Glow Sticks 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. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

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