

Ambrose

Chewings Fescue

Ambrose, a product of NJAES and Rutgers University, stands proudly as one of the top performing chewings fescues grown in North America. Exhibiting a deep dark green coloration with a fine textured leaf, Ambrose is a prized variety for both its reduced rate of vertical growth and low maintenance requirements. Ambrose's low height of cut tolerance make this variety a favorite of turf managers who enjoy tightly mowed fairways and winter overseeded greens. It has good shade tolerance, and is adapted to low fertility, moderately high pH soil conditions. Ambrose requires soils with good to excellent internal drainage for optimal turf performance. Ambrose is a moderately endophyte enhanced chewing fescue with >36% *Epichloe typhina* endophyte providing resistance to a number of leaf and crown feeding insects and nematodes.

Usage:

Ambrose performs best in poly-species turfgrass mixtures as an improved shade tolerant and low height of cut tolerant component to the mixture. As a stand-alone variety, it is primarily used as a reduced maintenance turfgrass in mild temperate climates. Ambrose is compatible with Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, colonial bentgrass, and other fine fescues. Ambrose can be utilized in winter overseeding programs as a minor component in elite rapid transition turfgrass mixtures.

Seeding and Establishment:

Once germinated, fine fescues have a tendency towards slower tillering making spring and fall (when soil temperatures are above 60°F or higher) the optimal planting times for Ambrose. Planting rates for Ambrose should be 4 - 5 lbs/1,000 sq. ft. for new turf with seed sown at a depth of 1/4" to 1/2" in slightly acidic (6.5 or less) soil.

Management:

Ambrose is tolerant of infertile, dry soils, but may not perform well during hot, humid summers if over-fertilized, improperly drained, or mowed too low. Watering is recommended at a rate of 7 - 8 mm per day, and dethatching should be done a maximum of 1/2" per year. Ambrose can be mowed as low as 1/2" on low maintenance golf course fairways, but typical mowing height for Ambrose and other fine fescue is 1" to 2.5".

Features

- Dark green coloration
- Fine leaf texture
- Endophyte enhanced
- Low height of cut
- Shade tolerant
- Low soil fertility requirements

Primary Disease Resistances

- Dollar spot
- Red thread
- Summer patch
- Brown patch

Uses

- Golf course fairways
- Golf course tees
- Golf course roughs
- Parks
- Home lawns
- Industrial Lawns

Seeding Rate

4-5 lbs/1,000 sq ft



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