

Manzanita 

Turf Type Tall Fescue

Limited certified quality seed available in summer 2021. Developed from the breeding programs at Rutgers University and Peak Plant Genetics. Licensed to Vista Seed Partners. Manzanita was entered into the 2018 tall fescue NTEP trials as JT-233, first official NTEP data is now available from both 2019 and 2020. Recent reports indicate it's one of the elite varieties in the trials.

Adaptation:

Manzanita is an ultra-modern turf tall fescue and has been selected for elite turf quality plus a spreading growth habit (spreading both from smaller underground rhizome formation and aggressive tillering) as well as superior turf attributes such as tolerance to lower mowing and summer stress tolerance. Its endophyte enhanced for better insect and disease resistance.

Performance:

2018 and 2019 Rutgers and 2019-2020 NTEP data showed good establishment and excellent brown patch, Pythium and gray leaf spot resistance. It has a fine leaf texture (NTEP 6.5) and excellent summer density (6.9). Manzanita has excellent turf quality particularly in the Northeastern States, the mid-Atlantic region, the Transition zone and California with. It has a dark green color, fine leaf texture and is one of the densest varieties in the trials. In local Oregon trials it's also exhibited outstanding turf quality and is a top variety in Western Oregon turf trials in Corvallis.

Manzanita mixes well (10-15% bluegrass recommended) with medium and broader bladed varieties of Kentucky bluegrass. This makes an excellent sod or athletic field mix. It can also be mixed with turf perennial ryegrass, generally 20% perennial ryegrass is recommended. Like most improved tall fescues it is shade tolerant, drought tolerant and does well under lower management systems. Once established it has excellent wear tolerance and can be mowed down to 1.25 inches.



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