

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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A collection for observation and reference. Detailed explanations to help you make care decisions suited to your plant and its position.

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PLANT PORTRAIT

Festuca glauca 'Elijah Blue'

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Botanical name	Festuca glauca 'Elijah Blue'
Delivery size	Each 9-cm pot · approx. 10-25 cm total height including pot · quantity by set selection
Habit	Perennial clumping ornamental grass; evergreen, with brown leaf parts possible in severe cold
Expected height	Leaf clump about 25-30 cm; flower stems can rise above
Flowering time	Late spring to summer as guidance
Flower colour	Blue-green to greenish flower panicles, later straw to golden brown
Planting time	Preferably spring or early autumn in frost-free workable soil; avoid heat and waterlogging
Spacing	20-30 cm as shop guidance for small clump groups

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Light	Choose a sunny place for the blue effect.	In more shade foliage can become greener.
Soil	Use poor to moderately supplied free-draining soil.	Wetness and heavy compacted ground shorten lifespan.
Planting	Set balls at previous height in frost-free ground.	Clump bases should not disappear into a wet hollow.
Spacing	Plan 20–30 cm as shop guidance for groups.	Small clumps form a sequence of fine leaf balls.
Water	Check young balls; consider dry periods after establishment.	Lower later demand does not automatically apply to new deliveries.
Nutrition	Avoid heavy reserve feeding; add moderately only as needed.	Extra nutrition cannot force blue colour.
Cleaning	Comb out dead leaves in spring and remove brown tips.	Keep healthy evergreen foliage wherever possible.
Division	Replant vigorous edge portions in spring if the centre becomes bare.	This rejuvenates the clump and preserves the cultivar.
Container and winter	Keep drainage clear and protect small balls from severe chilling.	A gravel surface prevents neither wet roots nor container frost.

Knowledge that grows

Many fine threads create a quiet shape

Elijah Blue is a named blue fescue cultivar with very narrow rolled leaves. They extend outward from the clump into a small round body whose surface looks almost thread-like in side light. I particularly like this texture beside pale stones. Foliage can look silvery to icy blue but also becomes greener depending on season and conditions. A young shop photograph with rather grey-green leaves therefore does not automatically contradict the cultivar name. Colour is living, not paint that looks identical every month.

Put the small delivered plant in context

Plants arrive individually in 9-cm pots; quantity depends on set selection. The approximately 10–25 cm total delivery height includes the pot. Later a roughly 25–30 cm leaf clump develops, while fine flower stems can rise above this leaf ball. Gently untangle thin leaves when unpacking rather than pulling the whole tuft from its pot. Check the ball before planting. A young plant need not yet form an even hemisphere; its shape develops after roots connect with new soil.

Sun and open soil fit together

A sunny place favours the blue effect. In deeper shade foliage often becomes greener and the desired compact impression can weaken. Soil should drain well and be rather poor to moderately supplied. Permanent wetness, heavy compacted clay and hot humid conditions can shorten lifespan. Gravel on top alone does not solve this. I inspect soil beneath and do not plant the clump base in a hollow collecting rain. In a trough drainage counts just as much as attractive stone colour.

Plant a line with small clumps

Spring or early autumn are suitable in frost-free workable soil. Set the lightly moistened ball at previous level and water in deliberately. The shop gives 20–30 cm spacing for clump groups. This creates a sequence of individual small grass forms at a bed edge. Leaves may touch later while plant bases stay airy. Fine leaf remains would be hidden beneath thick damp mulch. I therefore keep an easily checked surface between clumps and remove troublesome young weeds in time.

Less water after rooting in

Sunny blue fescue in suitable draining soil tolerates temporary drought after establishment. Fresh 9-cm balls and small outdoor containers have little reserve instead. In dry weather I check directly at the ball and water as needed without keeping it constantly wet. A rigid weekly schedule considers neither rain nor heat. If many leaf parts turn brown, I also check wetness and air at the clump. More water or feed on suspicion can worsen the cause. Blue foliage alone cannot show sufficient supply.

Comb in spring rather than shear healthy leaves

Elijah Blue is maintained as evergreen grass. In spring gently comb out loose dead leaves and selectively shorten brown tips or firmly attached damaged parts. Preserve healthy living leaves wherever possible. A blanket close-to-ground cut does not fit the usual cleaning of this small leaf ball. Blue-green panicles appear roughly from late spring to summer and later turn golden brown. Those preferring foliage alone can remove old flower stems. Small winter colour changes are no reason to immediately replace the whole clump.

When the centre empties after some years

Older blue fescue can become bare centrally while strong leaves remain outside. Rejuvenation in spring then helps: lift the clump, divide healthy edge portions and discard the dead centre. Specialist sources give roughly two to three years as guidance; actual condition decides. Cultivars are preserved through division since seedlings can have different colours. This small job belongs to long-term care as much as cleaning. Relatively low water needs therefore do not make Elijah Blue a grass whose condition should go unchecked for years.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



Unchanged original shop image of one young plant; each 9-cm pot, approx. 10–25 cm total height including pot. Selected set quantity determines number.



AI-created leaf detail based on the original shop photograph. The closer view enlarges leaf features and does not indicate a larger delivered plant. Surroundings are not included.

Good to know

Why is my young Elijah Blue rather grey-green?

Light, season and development affect colour. It can look greener in winter or later in the year.

Is Elijah Blue just another pot of ordinary blue fescue?

No. The named cultivar is independently documented and selected for particularly silvery to blue foliage.

Does the clump grow a metre tall?

No. Foliage stays about 25–30 cm high; individual flower stems rise above it.

Should I cut everything down to ground level in spring?

Usually not. Gently comb out dead material and selectively shorten damaged leaves; preserve healthy foliage.

Why does the centre become bare?

Older clumps can die out centrally. Healthy edge portions can be divided and replanted in spring.

Can I grow the same colour from my own seed?

Seedling colour can vary. Division is the suitable method to preserve cultivar characteristics.

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