

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical classification	Festuca glauca
Family	Poaceae
Origin	Southwestern Europe to northern Italy
Delivery size	9 cm pot · 10–15 cm
Growth and special feature	Low clump-forming ornamental grass with fine blue-grey blades

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	As sunny and airy as possible.	The compact clump suits open, bright planting positions.
Water	Supply according to need during establishment.	Only once rooted does the grass tolerate dry periods better.
Soil	Well-drained, rather lean, preferably sandy or stony.	Compacted wet ground remains a problem even beneath gravel.
Fertiliser	Only sparingly and when genuinely needed.	Abundant feeding does not replace a suitable position.
Winter	Ensure drainage; check during frost-free dry conditions.	Persistent winter wetness may harm the clump.
Spring	Carefully remove dead blades.	Do not tear out healthy new growth.
Rejuvenation	Divide older bare-centred clumps and plant healthy outer sections.	Blue fescue does not retain its form indefinitely without renewal.
Containers	Check small pots regularly in sun and wind.	Limited root space dries faster.

Knowledge that grows

A small dome of blue-green blades

Festuca glauca belongs to the grass family. Fine narrow blades extend upwards and sideways from the clump's centre. This forms a compact dome that remains clearly visible between stones or at a border edge. Loose panicles may rise above the foliage in late spring and early summer. Colour changes with plant, position and season. Blue fescue is not a decoration that stays uniformly blue, but a living, developing grass.

Distinguish delivery size from its garden effect

The offered plant arrives in a 9 cm pot at about 10–15 cm overall height. It is small and suits establishing a planting, not an already mature large grass cushion. Later the clump may become broader, with flower panicles rising further above it. Small garden shears give the scene a size reference. Several plants can be arranged rhythmically but should receive enough room to develop. A single clump also looks effective in a well-drained small container.

Choose sun and a lean structure

A sunny position and well-drained, rather lean soil suit it well. Very nutrient-rich soil that stays moist makes its compact impression easier to lose. In gravel or rock gardens, water must still drain below the visible surface; gravel over compacted soil does not solve the problem. Hot humid summers may stress the grass. Choose an airy position and avoid packing it closely between vigorous neighbours. Blue colouring is also not equally intense in every plant.

Establishment needs more attention than later

Supply newly planted clumps according to need until roots have explored their surroundings. Do not let them dry out completely during this phase. Later blue fescue tolerates drier conditions better. A small pot still needs regular checking, particularly in sun and wind. Water the root area and avoid persistent wetness. Free drainage is especially important during rainy winter days. Drought tolerance does not mean a limited container can stay without water indefinitely.

Remove old blades and rejuvenate clumps

In spring carefully comb out or remove dead blades without tearing out healthy new growth. Spent panicles may be cut off if desired. Older clumps may become bare in the middle and lose vigour. Dividing and replanting healthy outer sections then makes more sense than increasingly strong feeding. The divisions need an establishment phase again. Regular observation maintains a clear dome shape; a grass planted once does not remain equally attractive indefinitely without rejuvenation.

Consider winter and containers

Blue fescue is a winter-tolerant garden grass, yet its blades may brown during cold periods. This does not automatically mean the whole plant is lost. Check new growth in spring. Position containers so surplus rain can drain away. Check root-ball moisture in prolonged dry, frost-free periods. Feed sparingly only when cultivation calls for it. A soft rotting clump on wet soil needs better conditions, not extra nutrients.

Pictures and details

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



Original shop image: blue fescue. 9 cm pot · 10–15 cm. Natural variation is possible.

Good to know

How large is blue fescue when it arrives?

About 10–15 cm overall height in a 9 cm pot. Its later garden effect develops only after establishment.

Why is the clump turning brown in the middle?

Older clumps may become bare inside. Dividing healthy outer sections can rejuvenate the planting; first rule out wetness problems.

Does it need any water at all?

Yes, particularly during establishment and in a small container. Rooted plants tolerate drier conditions better.

Does it always stay blue in winter?

Not necessarily. Cold can brown blades; assess new growth in spring.

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