

# FOWL BLUEGRASS

*Poa palustris*



## ORIGIN AND DESCRIPTION

Native to the U.S. and Eurasia. Widely distributed in U.S. Grows in meadows, stream banks and moist areas in northern U. S., south to New Mexico and California. Short to medium height, 1 to 2' tall. Cool season, dense sod-forming perennial grass. Densely tufted growth with shallow, abundant, widely spreading rhizomes. Leaves dark green mostly basal and soft textured. Inflorescence an open panicle, pyramid or cone shaped.

## GROWTH HABITS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PREFERENCES

Thrives in moist, cool, temperate climates; grows at low and medium elevations. Prefers fertile sandy to clayey alluvial soils high in

organic matter. Needs about 18" ppt. or irrigation for good performance. Good cold and winter hardiness.

## CULTURE

Drill no deeper than 1/4" on heavier soils and 1/2" on lighter textured soils. Often broadcasted and rolled or cultipacked to press seed into surface soil. Supplemental mulch improves stand establishment. Seeding about 1 to 2 lbs. PLS per acre forage or 1 to 2 lbs. seed per 1,000-sq. ft. for turf. Weak seedling vigor; need to keep moist. Consider sod transplanting where early cover is needed.

Plant in August to September for humid lowland elevations; early spring alone or in mixtures with turf grasses for landscaping, lawns, greens or soil stabilizing.

## USE AND MANAGEMENT

Good cover for lawns and landscaping on wet sites. Moisture and nitrogen needed for good production.

## IMPROVED VARIETIES

None listed for Region.

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