



# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

## PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Blue Fescue

*Festuca ovina glauca*

**DESCRIPTION:** Blue Fescue is a miniature to small-sized, semi-evergreen ornamental grass, maturing at 10" tall by 10" wide in foliage (twice as large when in flower or fruit). It has a radiating clump growth habit, looking like a blue porcupine. The leaves are light blue-silver in spring, blue-green in summer, dark green in autumn and winter.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Specimen, focal point, entranceway, border, edging, group planting or mass planting, facer, raised planter, or embankment small ornamental grass. Blends effectively with cool-colored perennials and works well with rockery and stone walls

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Down to at least 10°F



**Sun tolerance:** Full sun to partial sun



**Watering and feeding:** Moderate water user; Fertilize monthly in spring and summer.



**Soil requirements:** prefers moist, well-drained soils of rich to average fertility in full sun, but is tolerant of dry soils, poor soils, various soil pHs, heat, drought, and salt; intolerant of wet soils or poorly drained soils .



**Pruning:** The semi-evergreen foliage needs to be sheared back in early Spring to one-third of its previous height to allow the new blue foliage to emerge unhindered from the clump.