

# GOVERNORS

CREEPING RED FESCUE



## Governors creeping red fescue

### Key features:

- Maintains colour under cooler conditions
- Ideal for unmown areas
- Companion species in seed blends
- New Zealand bred

Governors creeping red fescue is a medium-textured, mid-green fine fescue, bred from New Zealand genetic material. It has the outstanding ability to retain a green colour and grow actively over winter when other fine fescues become dormant and exhibit brown dead material. Governors is ideally used in situations such as golf course roughs, where the mowing height is above 50 mm. Its wispiest open growth habit allows golfers to readily find their golf ball and to 'swing a club' through more easily than with other creeping red fescues.

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Governors produces an attractive seedhead for unmown situations. It is also suited to low fertility erosion and landscaping uses. Governors has shown good persistence and tolerance to drought in trials in both New Zealand and Australia and exhibits a high level of resistance to red thread disease. Governors is well suited in blends with other fine fescue species.

### Breeding history

Governors was selected from naturalised fine fescue on Banks Peninsula, near Christchurch. It was selected for strong winter growth and summer survival under dry conditions. It is well adapted to mild winter conditions and to summer drought.

### Sowing rate and maintenance

Governors fine fescue is sown at 30 - 40 g/m<sup>2</sup>  
(300 - 400 kg/ha).

Full establishment can be expected after 12 - 14 weeks.



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