

## TECHNICAL TURF DATA

### FEATURES

- **Low growth habit** – *requires less mowing*
- **Very good wear and traffic tolerance**
- **Dark green color** – *attractive and mixes well with other tall fescues or bluegrasses*
- **Denser, finer texture** – *attractive and functional*
- **High endophyte level**
- **Uses: Well suited for sports fields and parks, plus golf roughs and home lawns**

### BENEFITS

- **Excellent performance in sun or shade** – *versatile*
- **Very good cold, heat and drought tolerance** – *persistent*
- **Good performance under summer stress**
- **Good warm weather Brown Patch resistance**

### SEEDING RATES

- **Seeds/lb: 220,000**
- **New Turf:**  
8–10 lbs/1,000 sq ft  
350–400 lbs/acre
- **Overseed Rate:**  
6–8 lbs/1,000 sq ft  
250–350 lbs/acre
- **Fall fertilization is best with the use of a complete fertilizer (providing N, P, and K) recommended**
- **As with all tall fescues, periodic fall overseeding may be necessary to maintain full density**

### ESTABLISHMENT

- **Seeding time: seed in late summer to early fall for best results**
- **Germination: 7–12 days under ideal conditions**
- **Root depth: 36 inches plus**
- **Mowing height: 1.5–3inches**

## BLACKWATCH

### TURF-TYPE TALL FESCUE

**Blackwatch (Pick-OD3-01) Turf-Type Tall Fescue** is an advanced, lower growing fine-textured tall fescue from TurfOne. Repeatedly, Blackwatch has proven itself a premier turf-type tall fescue through exceptional turf characteristics and superior ratings in recent National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) trials. The result of a long-term breeding effort, Blackwatch is a persistent, lower-growing, deep-rooted tall fescue variety with finer leaf texture and darker color than other tall fescues. It forms a very dense, tough, durable turf, and performs exceptionally well under summer stress conditions.



### Adaptation

Blackwatch's adaptation area extends from cool season turfgrass areas in the northern United States and north of the border, through the transition zone to upper southern states. Blackwatch will tolerate a wide range of soil pH levels, depending on growing conditions and level of care. Blackwatch is ideally suited for home and commercial uses, includes lawns, golf course roughs, parks, playgrounds, sports fields and other low maintenance areas. Blackwatch is a great

performer when planted under trees or in moderately shaded areas. This superior turf-type tall fescue variety should be grown wherever a tough, wear tolerant and durable turf is needed. Blackwatch blends well with other Kentucky bluegrass for a higher quality turf or with superior tall fescue varieties such as Guardian-21 and Watchdog for added value.

### Highlights

- **High turfgrass quality** – *tied 2nd for Mean Turfgrass Quality Ratings in 2002 NTEP results*
- **Strong drought tolerance** – *tied 2nd for Drought Tolerance Ratings in 2002 NTEP results*

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## Brown Patch Ratings for Tall Fescue Cultivars At Raleigh, NC 2004 Data

*Brown Patch Ratings 1-9; 9=No Disease*

Variety	Mean	Southern Choice II	7.5	Falcon II	7.2	Forte	6.9
Silverstar	7.9	2nd Millennium	7.3	Ninja 2	7.2	Rembrandt	6.8
<b>Blackwatch</b>	<b>7.6</b>	Houndog 6	7.3	Bingo	6.9	Tahoe	6.8
<b>Watchdog</b>	<b>7.6</b>	Jaguar 3	7.3	Coyote II	6.9	LSD Value*	2.4
Silverado II	7.5	Rebel Sentry	7.3	Finelawn Elite	6.9		

## Turfgrass Quality of Tall Fescue Cultivars Grown at Two Locations in the Southern Region 2003 Data

*Quality Ratings 1-9; 9=Ideal Turf*

Variety	Mean	Wolfpack	5.8	Jaguar 3	5.6	Tomahawk	5.4
Davinci	6.2	Silverado II	5.8	Riverside	5.6	Falcon II	5.3
<b>Grande II</b>	<b>6.0</b>	Apache III	5.8	Rembrandt	5.5	KY-31	5.1
<b>Blackwatch</b>	<b>6.0</b>	Southern Choice II	5.7	Bonsai	5.5	LSD Value*	0.4
Rebel Sentry	5.9	Titanium	5.7	Plantation	5.5		

## Wear Tolerance Ratings of Tall Fescue Cultivars Grown at Two Locations, MA and MI 2004 Data

*Wear Tolerance Ratings 1-9; 9=Maximum Tolerance*

Variety	Mean	2nd Millennium	3.2	Corgi	2.3	Titanium	2.0
Scorpion	4.5	Jaguar 3	3.2	Quest	2.3	KY-31	1.8
<b>Blackwatch</b>	<b>4.0</b>	Silverado II	3.2	Penn1901	2.3	Wyatt	1.7
Falcon IV	3.5	Rembrandt	2.8	Riverside	2.2	Bosai	1.3
<b>Tulsa II</b>	<b>3.5</b>	Houndog 6	2.7	Firebird	2.0	LSD Value*	1.3

## Turf Quality Ratings of Tall Fescue Cultivars Grown at Nine Locations in the U.S. 2003 Data

*Turfgrass Quality Ratings 1-9; 9=Ideal Turf*

Variety	Mean	Jaguar 3	6.0	Firebird	5.8	Daytona	5.6
Falcon IV	6.3	Plantation	5.9	Quest	5.8	Coyote	5.5
<b>Grande II</b>	<b>6.2</b>	Rebel Sentry	5.9	Southern Choice II	5.8	Bonsai	5.4
<b>Blackwatch</b>	<b>6.1</b>	Biltmore	5.9	Stonewall	5.7	KY-31	4.5
<b>Guardian-21</b>	<b>6.1</b>	Cayenne	5.9	Tar Heel	5.7	LSD Value*	0.3
Rebel Exeda	6.0	Bingo	5.9	Tomahawk GT	5.7		

To determine whether a cultivar's performance is different from another, subtract one entry's mean from another entry's mean. If this value is larger than the LSD value, the observed difference in cultivar performance is significant and did not happen by chance. Complete tables are available upon request.