



Introducing Blue Hornet, Mountain View Seeds' first taxonomically true tetraploid Sheep Fescue (*Festuca ovina*)! Unique from most other Sheep Fescue cultivars selected from hard fescue color genotype selections, Blue Hornet contains a double set of chromosomes that allows seed to germinate rapidly, but grow extremely slow under little or no inputs. Blue Hornet has improved adaptability to heat and marginal soils while also exhibiting better persistence in drought. Use it in shade, natural areas, and mixed with other fine fescue species. See what the BUZZ is about: Try Blue Hornet Sheep Fescue!

ULTRA-LOW MAINTENANCE

VERY HIGH SHOOT DENSITY

SUMMER PERSISTENCE

IMPROVED PERFORMANCE IN POOR SOILS

TRIAL DATA

Variety	Establishment Oct 2018	Spring Greenup	Genetic Color
Blue Hornet	6.3	5.7	8.0
Minimus	6.3	4.3	7.7
Sword	5.0	4.0	6.7
Harpoon	6.0	3.3	7.7
Blue Mesa	5.3	4.0	6.7
LSD	1.2	1.2	1.1

2018 PEAK Plant Genetics Private Trial, Oregon.

Variety	Winter Turf Quality
Blue Hornet	6.0
Bighorn	6.0
Eureka II	5.7
LSD	0.9

2017 Cooperative Turfgrass Breeders Test, Oregon.

SEEDING

For new turf, plat at 4-6 lbs/1,000 sq ft or 200-250 lbs/acre. If seeding naturalized or ornamental areas 2 lbs/1,000 sq ft or 90 lbs/acre. Blue Hornet will germinate in around 7-12 days, and mowing can begin 2-4 weeks from blade emergence.

MAINTENANCE

Sheep Fescue, while versatile for planting locations, grows very slowly and cannot handle lowered mowing heights of under 3". Mowing is minimal, but mow as necessary, removing no more than 1/3rd of the leaf. At a minimum, fertilize annually with 1-2 lbs of nitrogen per 1,000 sq ft in a balanced formulation.

