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### Beyond Blue™ Blue Fescue

*Festuca glauca 'Casca11'*

Height: 15 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: *Festuca ovina* var. *glauca*

#### Description:

Intense powder blue foliage that stays bright throughout the season; makes a fantastic color accent in the border, not a spreading grass; useful in dryer areas but try not to subject it to extremes

#### Ornamental Features

Beyond Blue Blue Fescue is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. Its attractive grassy leaves remain steel blue in colour throughout the year. The tan seed heads are carried on spikes from mid summer to late fall.

#### Landscape Attributes

Beyond Blue Blue Fescue is an herbaceous evergreen perennial grass with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Beyond Blue Blue Fescue is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Beyond Blue Blue Fescue*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Beyond Blue Blue Fescue foliage*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Beyond Blue Blue Fescue will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 8 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.



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This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to dry locations, and dislikes excessive moisture. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Beyond Blue Blue Fescue is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

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