

## **HERON**

HARD FESCUE

Heron is a competitive hard fescue that exhibits improved color, texture, and canopy in shade as well as in areas that receive little to no fertility. Very versatile, Heron quickly greens up after cold, hard winters and persists through summer's heat and dryness. Its wider blade is more compatible with bluegrass and ryegrass in mixtures.

Heron is widely adapted and can be used alone or in mixtures with other cool season species. It's suggested for slopes and roadsides as well as for residential turf that's under low to normal maintenance. When unmown, it forms an attractive wavy stand in golf course roughs or on slopes for erosion control.

## **SEEDING RATES:**

Overseeding: 3 – 4 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft.

Bare Soil: 5 - 6 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft.



Heron Hard Fescue production field.

## OTHER SEEDING

Erosion Control, reclamation areas, ski slopes: 150 - 200 lbs. per acre

> Golf course roughs: 200 lbs. per acre

## MAINTENANCE

Heron quickly establishes over a broad range of growing and environmental conditions in most soils, particularly when initial irrigation is available. On sensitive areas and slopes, levels of maintenance can be minimal with no fertilization and one mowing per season. In other turf areas, whether used alone or in combination with other grasses, maintain the stand at 2 1/2 to 3" in height. A starter type fertilizer, applied at the time of seeding, will greatly enhance establishment and "fill-in".

- Shade tolerant
- Performs in low fertility areas
- Resists snow mold
- Darker green
- Easy to maintain
- Excellent in mixtures
- Great for slopes and embankments, roadsides, golf course roughs, wildflower mixes and general turf

Variety	Overall Quality - Shade	No Irrigation	Disease Resistance	Snow Mold Blight Resistance
Reliant II	6.6	5.7	6.0	8.0
Heron	6.2	4.9	8.3	8.0
SRX 3961	6.0	5.1	7.0	7.7
Eureka II	6.0	4.7	5.7	7.7
Scaldis II	5.5	4.6	6.0	5.7

NTEP 02 - 04, Selected varieties including highest to lowest Rating scale 1-9, 9 = Best

Heron excels over a broad range of growing conditions, soils and levels of acidity. It forms an attractive turf that tolerates a high level of shade and reduced light.

Heron exhibits excellent overall disease and insect resistance. particularly during late summer into fall.

Heron is very winter hardy judged by its excellent percentage of ground cover and early greenup in spring.



