



GOLFSTAR

Idaho Bentgrass

FEATURES

- **GolfStar** Idaho bentgrass (*Agrostis idahoensis*) is protected by US Patent because of its uniqueness.
- Fine-textured, high density, bentgrass quality
- Germinates and establishes rapidly
- Provides excellent cool and hot weather performance
- Useful as “permanent” turf in the North or for winter overseeding in the South
- Improved dark green color over *Poa trivialis* for overseeding: *Looks like creeping bentgrass but transitions like ‘triv’*
- **GolfStar** is a “must” for native grass mixtures

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

WHAT IS IT? **GolfStar** is a totally new species of bentgrass developed for turf. It is the ONLY known turfgrass bent species native to North America.

HOW DOES IT GROW? **GolfStar** is a dense, fine-bladed, non-stoloniferous, non-rhizomatous species of bentgrass native to the Rocky Mountains. It is distinct from introduced exotic (non-native) species of bentgrass (*Agrostis*), such as creeping or colonial bent. **GolfStar** most closely resembles colonial bentgrass, but it can be distinguished by its seed characteristics, flowering characteristics, and its lack of lateral runners. **GolfStar’s** seed size is intermediate between redtop and creeping bentgrass. It is no taller than knee-height when at full maturity.

HOW DO YOU USE IT? **GolfStar** can be combined with other grasses, unlike other bents that are strictly non-mixers. **GolfStar** is a bunch-type bent, without rhizomes or stolons that grow over top of mixture components, forming unsightly patches. **GolfStar’s** bunch habit blends readily with colonial or Highland bent, fine fescue, and other fine-bladed species.

WHERE CAN YOU USE IT? **GolfStar** adapts from golf course fairways to low maintenance roadsides. On low maintenance sites, it adapts to annual precipitation levels as low as 16 inches. It tolerates frequent mowing as close as ½ inch (1.27cm) for “permanent” turf and down to 1/8 inch (0.125cm) for winter overseeding. **GolfStar** has been tested as a replacement for creeping bentgrass and *Poa trivialis* for winter overseeding of dormant warm-season turf. Its fine texture and rich, blue-green color strongly resembles creeping bentgrass. But it is faster to establish and faster to transition in the spring than creeping bent. It transitions more reliably than ‘triv,’ without the problem of premature fadeout, common with ‘triv.’ **GolfStar** is best suited to putting green overseeding, though it adapts to fairway overseeding if combined with perennial ryegrass.

SUGGESTED SEEDING RATE: 2-3 lbs. per 1000 ft² (10-15 g/m²)

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