

Plant Name: Festuca valesiaca glaucantha
Common Name: Wallis Fescue

Plant Type: Grass
Colour: Blue
Height: 15-30cm
Spread: 15-22cm

Flowering Time: Flowers from Jun to Jul



Species Data (applies to all plants in this Plant Species)

valesiaca

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Festuca valesiaca 'Glaucantha' - Wallis Fescue, Volga Fescue
This fescue is not widely known and that is perhaps the reason that it is undervalued. It is small in form and the leaves are stiff and upright and are actually brighter than 'Elijah Blue'.

Description: cool season; clump forming
Foliage is bright blue; narrow; 10-20 cm (4-8") in height
Flowers in June; 20-30 cm (8-12") tall

Ideal conditions: full sun or part shade; sandy loam; well-drained; drought and heat tolerant once established

Season of interest: year-round in milder climates

Partner with: rock garden plants

Recommended plant spacing: 15-35 cm (6-14")

Drought tolerance rating: 2 (water to root depth once every 2 weeks);

Pronunciation: Festuca (fes-TOO-kah) valesiaca (va-lee-see-AH-kah) 'Glaucantha' (glau-KAN-thah)

Family: Poaceae (poh-AY-see-ee) (Info)
Genus: Festuca (fes-TOO-kuh) (Info)
Species: valesiaca

Cultivar: Glaucantha

Category:
Alpines and Rock Gardens
Ornamental Grasses and Bamboo

Height:
under 6 in. (15 cm)
6-12 in. (15-30 cm)

Spacing:
6-9 in. (15-22 cm)
9-12 in. (22-30 cm)

Foliage:
Grown for foliage
Blue-Green

Other details:
Drought-tolerant; suitable for xeriscaping
Average Water Needs; Water regularly; do not overwater
Provides winter interest

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Class Evergreen
Primary Bloom Colour Blue
Type Grass
Height 4-8"
Spread 4-8"
Light Exposure Loves Sun, Full - Part Sun, Sun
Soil Moisture Average Stem Colour