

# Variety Description

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## HOMESTAR

Species	Chewing's fescue
Botanical name	Festuca rubra commutata
Ploidy	6
Seeding rate	25 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Distance between rows	Broadcast seeding
Sowing period	March to September
Sowing depth	Superficial

### Agronomic figures\*:

Resistance to red thread disease	8**
RL sward colour	6**
RL leaf fineness	9**
slow growth	7**
(RL) Free from weeds	9**
(RL) Sward density (SD)	9**
(RL) (SD) within the species	9**
(RL) winter appearance	7**
(RL) vegetation appearance	8**
Suitability for ornamental lawns	9**
Suitability for recreational lawns (RL)	9*
Suitability for short-cut lawns	8*
Suitability for landscape lawns	7*



### \* Clarification of figures:

1: very early, very low / 5: medium / 9: very late, very high

### Sources:

\* Forschungsgesellschaft Landschaftsentwicklung Landschaftsbau e.V. [research society for landscape development and landscaping], RSM Rasen [German standard seed mixtures for lawns] 2025

\*\* Federal Office of Plant Varieties 2025, Descriptive List of Lawn Grass Varieties

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One of the leading Chewing's fescue varieties, HOMESTAR is characterised by top grades in sward density, free from weeds and leaf fineness, offering excellent suitability for ornamental lawns and very good suitability for recreational lawns. It forms a sward that tolerates low cutting well. Another note of interest is its high disease resistance and very good weed suppression, which is an especially important characteristic in intensively managed ornamental lawns.

## Most important characteristics

Highly suitable for recreational and ornamental lawns thanks to fine leaves and high sward density  
Low vulnerability to diseases  
High weed suppression

## Usage

Chewing's fescue is a subspecies of red fescue that is highly prized for use in lawns. In Germany, the range of approved varieties is larger than that of creeping red fescue or slender creeping red fescue. Chewing's fescue does not grow stolons and forms a remarkably thick and fine sward. Its tolerance of drought, close cutting and salt, however, is somewhat lower than that of slender creeping red fescue.

