

# Raven

*Poa pratensis*



**Raven** Kentucky Bluegrass is a variety possessing good disease tolerance and a rich green color. It is moderately tolerant of shade and is a strong component of turf mixtures for areas of combined sun and shade conditions. It is a strong variety with good rhizome and tiller development, and is persistent when used at recommended seeding rates.

## **Characteristics:**

- Excellent drought tolerance
- Fine textured leaf, dark green color
- Good disease resistance
- Good turf density, low growing
- Moderate shade tolerance

## **Recommended Uses:**

Golf Courses, Parks, Home Lawns, Athletic Fields, and Sod Farms

## **Climatic Zones:**

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (may not be adaptable to all areas within each climatic zone)

## **Establishment & Maintenance:**

**Raven**, like all Kentucky Bluegrasses, requires about 3 weeks for complete germination. Color may be observed before that time, however, in good growing weather where soil temperatures are above 65° F (18° C), expect 3-4 weeks after germination for a complete turf stand. First mowing may be expected within six weeks from the date of planting. **Raven** possesses good mowing qualities and can be maintained at heights ranging from 1 inch to 2 1/2 inches. (2.5 – 6.4 cm). **Raven** does well in sand or heavy clay soils, and like all bluegrasses, performs best in soils with a pH of 5.5 to 8.

## **Seeding Rates:**

- Tees, Parks, Home Lawns 2 - 3 lbs/1000 sq ft  
(1 – 1 1/2 lbs/100 sq meters)
- Fairways 100 lbs/acre  
(112 kgs/hectare)
- Renovated Fairways 25 - 30 lbs/acre  
(28 – 34 kgs/hectare)
- Sod Farms/Athletic Fields 80 - 120 lbs/acre  
(90 – 134 kgs/hectare)