

MEADOW FESCUE

Genus/species	<i>Festuca elatior</i>
Synonyms	<i>Lolium pratense</i> , <i>Schedonorus pratensis</i> , <i>Festuca pratensis</i>
Family	Poaceae
Distribution	Throughout US; reaches best development in northern half
Comments	Meadow Fescue was introduced from Europe to North America, and is cultivated in both regions for permanent pasture, hay and lawns. It is a hardy perennial bunch-forming grass that is especially suitable for cool climates. It may reach 30 inches in height and is sometimes weedy. The inflorescence is an open panicle. Meadow Fescue is being planted less as it is replaced by the similar Tall Fescue, a more desirable grass for pastures. The fescues are closely related to Perennial Ryegrass in spite of the differences in appearance.

