

Bearskin Fescue

Festuca gautieri

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This description is for **Bearskin Fescue** (*Festuca gautieri*):

Bearskin? Sure, if you've ever seen a yellow bear! Does look very strokeable though...

Festuca gautieri is commonly known as Bearskin Fescue. A low growing ornamental dwarf grass that grows in an attractive pin cushion mound with evergreen bright green foliage. The densely packed foliage sticks out from the dome; imagine a green hedgehog and you're picturing *festuca gautieri*. It grows to around 6 inches in height and is perfect for a rockery or a small garden. It will also grow fine in a container. It has small blue-green flowers that grow on tall stalks that protrude from the main dome of foliage. Water it well in summer and remove the dead foliage to keep your plant looking its' best. Every two or three years you can divide the clump in the springtime.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<p>Known dangers?</p> <p>no</p>	<p>Acidity</p> <p>Acidic Neutral Alkaline</p>	<p>Standard category</p> <p>Grasses, ferns & bamboo Grasses</p>

Plant	Environment	Usage
Height [m] 0.5	Hardiness zone Z4-8	Grown for Ornamental Foliage
Spread [m] 0.5	Heat zone H8-1	Creative category Kid Approved For Beginners For every season
Dominant flower colour Yellow	Winter temperatures [°C] -34 - -7	Garden type Cottage garden Rock garden Containers City
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Heat days 0 - 120	Garden spaces Flower beds Borders
Flowering seasons Early summer Mid summer	Moisture well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	Gardening expertise beginner
Foliage in spring Blue or grey-blue	Soil type sandy chalky loams	Time to reach full size 2 to 5 years
Foliage in summer Blue or grey-blue	Sun requirements Full sun	
Foliage in Autumn Blue or grey-blue	Exposure Exposed Sheltered	
Foliage in winter Blue or grey-blue		
Propagation methods division		
Growth habit Compact Clump-forming		