

Festuca rubra

[Synonyms : *Festuca aucta*, *Festuca barbata*, *Festuca diffusa*, *Festuca duriuscula*, *Festuca duriuscula* var. *rubra*, *Festuca earlei*, *Festuca egena*, *Festuca glaucescens*, *Festuca oregona*, *Festuca ovina* var. *duriuscula*, *Festuca ovina* var. *rubra*, *Festuca prolifera*, *Festuca prolifera* var. *prolifera*, *Festuca rubra* subsp. *aucta*, *Festuca rubra* var. *densiuscula*, *Festuca rubra* subsp. *glaucodea*, *Festuca rubra* var. *littoralis*, *Festuca rubra* subsp. *megastachya*, *Festuca rubra* var. *multiflora*, *Festuca rubra* var. *mutica* forma. *prolifera*, *Festuca rubra* var. *pauciflora*, *Festuca rubra* var. *prolifera*, *Festuca rubra* var. *pruinosa*, *Festuca vallicola*, *Festuca viridis*, *Poa tenuifolia* var. *oregona*]

RED FESCUE is an evergreen grass. Native to the temperate northern hemisphere it has often violet-tinged, greenish flower spikelets.

It is also known as *Bottenvikssvingel* (Swedish), Chewings fescue, Creeping fescue, *Festuca-encarnada* (Portuguese), *Festuca roja* (Argentinian, Portuguese), *Festuca rossa* (Italian), *Fétuque rouge* (French), *Fusajola* (Italian, Swiss), *Gramigna fusaiola* (Italian), *Kirmizi yumak* (Turkish), *Kostrava červená* (Slovak), *Kostráva červená* (Czech), *Kostrzewa czerwona* (Polish), *Kostrzewa czerwonawa* (Polish), *Oo ushinoke gusa* (Japanese), *Ovsjanica krasnaja* (Russian), *Peisgwellt Coch* (Welsh), Ravine fescue, *Reddo fesuku* (Japanese), *Rödsvingel* (Swedish), *Rød-svingel* (Danish), *Rood zwenkgras* (Dutch), *Rotschwingel* (German), *Veres csenkesz* (Hungarian), and *Wang gim ui teol* (Korean).

Rubra is derived from Latin *ruber* (red) with reference to the flowers.

Red fescue is often cultivated as pasture, particularly in hilly areas with poor soil, and it is understood to be an essential constituent of fine lawns.