



Provide a strong and healthy stand of turf in tough-to-maintain shaded areas with our hardy shade tolerant program varieties.



Featured varieties

Perennial Ryegrasses:

- Silver Dollar
- Gray Star
- Citation Fore
- Varieties of the Gray Hawk Blend

What qualifies Scotts Turf-Seed varieties as shade tolerant?

Many turfgrass species naturally grow well in shady areas, but growing dense, consistent, disease-free grasses in shade has always been challenging. To solve this problem, researchers at Pure-Seed Testing, Inc. developed turf trials under intense shade conditions, to determine which varieties tolerate low-light conditions the best. Varieties with a turf quality rating 5 or higher for at least one or more years, which have survived multiple years in intense deciduous shade, qualify for the shade tolerant icon.

Research & breeding work

The Pure-Seed Testing, Inc. research facility in Oregon dedicates a large area to ongoing shade trials. Varieties are established under a dense canopy of trees, allowing researchers to identify those varieties that can perform well in low light. Since 2001, Pure-Seed Testing, Inc. researchers have rated Tall Fescue and Fine Fescue trials seeded and maintained under low-light conditions. The trials were maintained at a 2" mowing height and evaluations were made on a 1-9 scale, with 9 being ideal. Varieties at the top of the rating charts are used to breed new varieties with improved shade tolerance.

i. Fine Fescue

Variety
Seabreeze GT
Shadow II

ii. Tall Fescue

Variety	
Endeavor	Innovator
Pure Gold	Silverado II
Silverstar	Tar Heel II

Shade tolerance

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Scotts Turf-Seed is a leading supplier of quality commercial seed varieties for landscape, golf courses, sports fields, and other turf grass applications. Turf grass managers worldwide have trusted Scotts Turf-Seed varieties for over 30 years.