



## *Festuca rubra subsp. rubra*

### **Common Name(s):**

red fescue

### **Current Threat Status (2009):**

Exotic

### **Habitat:**

Terrestrial.

### **Features:**

Tufted perennial grass spreading from rhizomes. Leaves arise from the base and have sheath 3-7 cm, often with bright red veins, and an almost glabrous blade of 5-25 cm long and 0.5-2 mm wide, dark to bluish green. Knob-like swellings at junction of blade and sheath. Flowering culm up to 45 cm tall, panicle usually 5-10 cm tall, closely held clusters of spikelets.

### **For more information, visit:**

[http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\\_details.asp?ID=3944](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3944)



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