

“The Poa Buster!”



ATTRIBUTES



Rush Kentucky bluegrass

Rush is the only Kentucky bluegrass variety bred specifically for competitiveness with *Poa annua*, particularly under close, fairway-height mowing. **Rush** was tested as experimental J-2222 and is an elite hybrid of BlueChip Kentucky bluegrass.

Dr. Doug Brede, breeder of **Rush**, remarks that it's the most *Poa*-resistant bluegrass he's ever seen: "In our 2000-2006 Idaho turf trial, *Poa annua* overtook the close mowed plots. Only a handful of Kentucky bluegrasses resisted the *Poa* invasion. Of the 3000 commercial and experimental varieties in that trial, **Rush** did the best."

Rush is aggressive, but not thatchy. It uses a unique seasonal-growth pattern to overtake *Poa annua*.

"In my opinion, **Rush**'s success against *Poa* is its seasonal growth habit that closely matches *Poa*'s," he says. "Annual bluegrass can often grow through the fall, winter, and spring when most Kentucky bluegrasses are dormant or sleepy. As a result *Poa* can overtake Kentucky bluegrasses that otherwise would hold their own during summer. **Rush** grows aggressively during the same cool periods as *Poa annua* and manages to keep its stronghold."

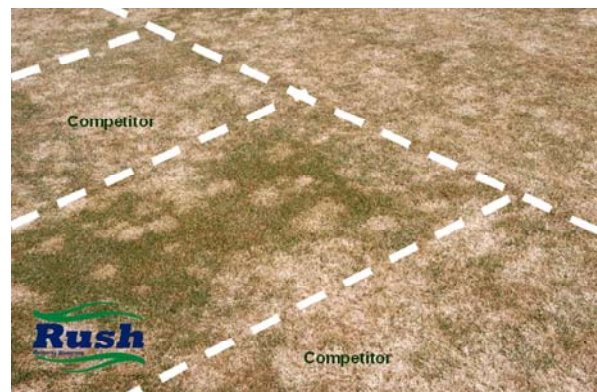
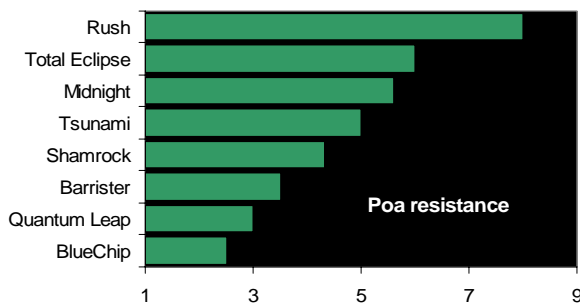
"I'd recommend **Rush** be included in every blend where *Poa* is a problem."

Trial Data from Northern California Sod Farm

Quality at this March 2006 rating was a combination of spring greenup and rust resistance

	Quality		Quality
RUSH	9.0	Apollo	8.0
Chicago II	8.5	Prosperity	7.5
Moonshadow	8.0	Monte Carlo	7.3

Resistance to *Poa annua* encroachment at a turf trial mowed at 1/2 inch (12 mm) in Post Falls, ID



Winter survival of RUSH compared to competitors