



# Pastures For The Northern Grazing Zone



## Seca Stylo

Seca Stylo is one of the life bloods of the northern grazing zone. Its ability to perform on low phosphorus soils under harsh conditions, makes it the perfect addition to naturalized pastures of northern Australia. Seca provides essential protein during the dry months as native and natural grasses die off. Once established within a pasture, it has the ability to be spread via animal consumption. Population dynamics can be managed by both fire and grazing practices. The most cost effective means of adding Seca Stylo into a pasture system is by aerial seeding.



## Verano Stylo

Verano Stylo is the stylo that takes advantage of favorable growing conditions, producing reasonable levels of leafy dry matter as well as fixing reasonable levels of nitrogen to the soil, for companion grasses to access. Verano can tolerate heavy grazing which encourages the plants to perennate. Stylo mixes often contain moderate percentages of Verano when planted in the northern grazing zone.



## SupaSab

When it comes to speed of response to first season rains, few things come close to Urochloa. A species that will often colonize within a paddock, SupaSab broad soft leaf is highly palatable and full of protein in its early growth, something that is critical at the beginning of the season. Its low growth habit helps provide much needed ground cover when the early season storms hit. SupaSab is often added at a small percentage to NQ Stylo mixes to introduce it to the grazing pastures.



## Gamba Grass

Gamba Grass in recent years, has received considerable press for its potential weed threat and enormous fuel load it produces. To any self assuming cattle producer they would take that as meaning Gamba Grass is a plant that can withstand the harshest conditions while producing plenty of feed. In a well managed situation, Gamba Grass can be an asset to any Northern cattle property, allowing for either high stocking rates over the wet season or carry over feed for the dry season. Because of its competitive nature it combines well with the likes of Wynn Cassia and Seca Stylo. Dry lick supplementation will improve utilization over the dry season



## Rhodes Grass

Both Callide and Katambora Rhodes grass are well suited to tropical coastal pastures. Callide can handle some water logging and requires reasonable soil nutrition to persist. Whilst, Katambora is known to be a more hardier cultivar.



## Buffel Grass

Buffel Grass is possibly the most widely planted grass pasture in Australia. The main restriction as to where buffel will grow is soil phosphorus levels (greater than 7ppm), growing on sandy loams through to brigalow soils. Gayndah and USA are the two most common cultivars planted.



## Milgarra Butterfly Pea

Milgarra Butterfly Pea is the number one legume for heavy clay soils in northern Australia. Its ability to persist on heavy cracking clay soils. Milgarra does struggle to compete with grasses when it is establishing.



## Indian Couch

Bowen and Keppel Couch (Pertusa) are two widely naturalized grass species suited for the northern beef zone. Bowen commonly grows on harder setting soils in lower rainfall zones such as Charters Tower & Bowen. Keppel tends to prefer heavier soil types with reasonable soil nutrition. Bowen is a much earlier flowering species than Keppel.



## Caatinga Stylo

Caatinga Stylo is the stylo for heavier loam soils in the northern cattle zone where soils are neutral to alkaline. It is a mixture of Unica & Primar Stylo and they display excellent tolerance to both frost and drought. Combines well with Buffel pastures.



## Wynn Cassia

Wynn Cassia is an underrated pasture legume in the northern grazing zone. When planted in combination with highly competitive grass species such as Gamba Grass, Indian Couch, SupaSab and Buffel, Wynn Cassia growth is able to be restricted, whilst gaining the benefits of fixed soil nitrogen, and a suitable protein when the grasses begin to hay off. Phosphorus and Sulphur supplementation will encourage better utilization of the wynn cassia.



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