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Argentine Bahia

Paspalum notatum

Argentine Bahia is the true lawn grass for the tropical regions of Queensland and the Northern Territory. Its low maintenance requirement makes it ideal for parks and gardens, sporting fields and the backyard. To add to the appeal of this hard wearing lawn species, it can double as an excellent horse pasture grass, providing presentation with productivity.

Checklist

- ✓ **Excellent sun tolerance**
- ✓ **Drought tolerant**
- ✓ **Responds quickly to watering**
- ✓ **Minimal maintenance**
- ✓ **Suited to acid soil types**
- ✓ **Less susceptible to lawn grubs**
- ✓ **Deep rooted**
- ✓ **Handles intermediate immersion**
- ✓ **Suited to high traffic areas**
- ✓ **Suitable as a horse grass**
- ✓ **Sowing Rate - 4-6kg per 1000m² on a well prepared seed bed**

Environment

Argentine Bahia is a true tropical lawn species persisting under the high humidity, high rainfall conditions experienced in the wet season, but also persisting under no rainfall, dry conditions experienced in the dry season.

Soil Type

Unlike many other lawn species, Argentine Bahia will tolerate light textured acid soils, typical of much of the tropical high rainfall soil types. An established lawn can tolerate intermediate periods of water logging or immersion.

Water Requirement

Surprisingly for a tropical lawn grass the water requirement is not excessive. Its deep root system accesses soil moisture during the dry season, making it suitable for areas not irrigated. However, if irrigated, the lawn will always remain presentable even during the dry season.

Fertiliser

Because of the soil types that Argentine Bahia grows on, quarterly fertiliser applications are necessary to gain the

maximum "wow" factor necessary for any great tropical lawn. Rates up to 25kg/1000m² per year may be required depending on soil drainage.

Mowing

During the warmer months, the mowing interval should be every 7-14 days depending on watering, with frequency decreasing to 21-28 days in the winter months. Mowing height should be no less than 50mm.

Horses

Argentine Bahia is possibly one of the best horse grasses for the tropics, being able to smother out Signal Grass. It contains low oxalate levels and suits their grazing preferences. If pregnant mares are grazing Argentine Bahia, care is required to make sure seeding does not occur. Seed ergot can cause abortion of the foals, if the seeds are eaten. This can be overcome by management practices of mowing the Argentine once a seed head appears.



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