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# Queensland Blue Couch

## *Digitaria didactyla*

*Queensland Blue Couch is native grass to Queensland, making ideally suited to the Queensland environment. This variety thrives in full sun and is highly tolerant of heat and humidity. While it is sensitive to drought conditions, it has a rapid recovery rate. Queensland Blue Couch is a very popular turf variety for households, mainly due to being one of the lowest maintenance lawn varieties around.*

### **Checklist**

- ✓ **Distinct bluish leaves**
- ✓ **Excellent sun tolerance**
- ✓ **Frost tolerant**
- ✓ **Responds quickly to watering**
- ✓ **Minimal maintenance**
- ✓ **Suited to a wide growing environment**
- ✓ **Suited to various soil types**
- ✓ **Immaculate appearance**
- ✓ **Less invasive than Bermuda Couch**
- ✓ **Handles reasonable traffic wear**
- ✓ **Sowing Rate - 6-8kg per 1000m<sup>2</sup> on a well prepared seed bed**

### **Environment**

Queensland Blue Couch is well adapted to both the tropics and subtropical regions in Queensland and northern New South Wales. Although performing best in full sunlight, it can persist in 30-40% shaded areas. Heat and humidity do not seem to affect growth, but frost will brown off leaves. However plants will recover quickly. This is also typical after drought conditions.

### **Soil Type**

Queensland Blue Couch will grow on a wide range of soil types, showing tolerance to moderately acid soils (lower than 5.5). While, lighter textured soils are its preference, Queensland Blue Couch will also grow on loam based soils.

### **Water Requirement**

It is important that after seeding, watering is frequent in small amounts, especially during the middle of the day when evaporation is at its peak. Seedlings are fragile and easily burn off. Once a lawn is established, the

annual water requirement depends upon the level of presentation. Frequently mown, immaculately presented lawns will require more water than those that less frequently mown.

### **Fertiliser**

Of all the lawn grasses, Queensland Blue Couch requires the least nutrition. However, the overall presentation of a lawn will largely depend on what is put into it. Regular applications of small amounts of good quality lawn fertiliser are preferred over one large application. Heavy fertilizing in the warmer months will increase mowing frequency.

### **Mowing**

During the warmer months, the mowing interval should be every 7-14 days depending on watering, with frequency decreasing in the winter months. Mowing height should be no less than 25mm. Thatching (build up of a dead layer) does not occur with Queensland Blue Couch unlike Bermuda Couch.



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