

Munn's & More Lawn Varieties

Overview

Selecting the lawn that's right for you.

Generally speaking, all grasses will grow pretty much anywhere providing the conditions and preparation for them are correct. *Direct* sunlight is the main determining factor as to which grass will grow the best in your particular area.

Running grasses for example (couch, buffalo and kikuyu) require several hours of direct sunlight for optimum growth. (4 hours for most couches and slightly more than 3 for the buffalo regardless of which buffalo). They will grow anywhere providing the sunlight is sufficient and a minimum 100mm of free draining base soil is provided. The couches will burn with frosts where kikuyu and buffalo are pretty much unaffected. In order of hardiness, kikuyu is the hardiest grass of all. Once established, (more than 1 year old) it requires watering very infrequently and it will still survive and is virtually indestructible. The only reason kikuyu dies is usually from either lack of sunlight or a very poor soil which will not allow the water to penetrate. It is also the most invasive and the only grass where the runners grow underground. If you have an area where kikuyu is present and you wish to remove it and replace it with another variety, be warned, some of it *will* grow back and if allowed to establish will take over whatever you have planted. There is nothing that will selectively kill the kikuyu without affecting the other grass. The next hardy is the couch. It is a very hardy grass requiring watering only once a week after it is established. It will discolour from dog urine, but in the warm time of the year it will self-repair. Buffalo is the next most hardy and is very similar to couch but may require a slightly more amount of water in summer. Both the couch and buffalo are above ground growers only.

The next hardiest grasses are the fescues. They are evergreen non-running grasses so the base preparation is most important. Requiring a minimum 150mm of free draining soil and using some 30% more water than the couches. Mowing height is extremely important. These must be mowed very high in summer and only slightly lower in winter. They are reasonably shade tolerant to 85%, which relates to slightly less than 3 hours of *direct* sunlight per day.

Then come the blends of grasses. These are usually the finer grasses blended to make a beautiful looking lawn but will use slightly more water than the fescues. Minimum soil depth is 100mm more is better and at least 4 hours sunlight unless it is a specifically shade tolerant blend.

Grass such as Dichondra (Tom Thumb) is the most shade resistant. Dichondra is a running ground cover only. This can be purchased in 'viro-cells' which, when planted close together give a quick coverage. The moisture retention in a shaded area is usually quite high so even though this require lots of water it is possible to grow it in the shady areas and not cost huge amounts in water. It will also grow in filtered sunlight.

Instant Lawn Varieties.

SMARTGASS (Tall Fescue)

A dwarf variety of tall fescue grass with Endophyte. This is also a beautiful evergreen lawn, which will grow in acid to slightly alkaline soils from full sun to 85% shade. This grass is also easy to mow, non –invasive, non-thatching and cold tolerant. Not dog tolerant. (On display).

SANTA ANNA COUCH

Santa Anna is the hardiest of the couch grasses and most suitable for South Australian conditions. (According to an independent survey). It requires a full sun situation; at least 4 hours of sun a day to thrive and once established, takes very minimal water to maintain. Santa Anna couch is provided either as a roll out turf or in blocks. This couch is the finest of the couches available and stays greener longer in winter than almost all other couches. It will withstand the most vigorous traffic and is animal tolerant. (self-repairing if damaged) It is a hybrid couch inasmuch even though it produces seed heads they are sterile. It goes dormant during the colder months of the year. (On display).

SIR WALTER BUFFALO (PBR)

Winter active, low thatch, high wear tolerance, soft leaved and hardy. Sir Walter will stay green in winter provided it is fertilised in autumn and not mown too low prior to winter. It is permanent in full sun & unto 75% shade (3.5 hours of direct *sunlight*) and is suitable for pets. Less invasive into gardens than kikuyu or couch and requires less maintenance. (On display).

For further information on Sir Walter Buffalo [Click Here](#)
(link to www.sirwalter.com.au)

KIKUYU (MALE STERILE)

This is a creeping perennial that has stolons and rhizomes with above and below ground runners. It requires a minimum of 4 hours direct sunlight but thrives in full sun. It is very vigorous, but the most drought tolerant of all your grasses. Suited to large dry areas or household lawn Kikuyu has an extremely high wear tolerance which makes it ideal for high traffic areas. Self repairing and dog tolerant. Also available in seed in any quantity. *Please note Kikuyu seed is not the same as the male sterile kikuyu that comes as instant turf and can spread from viable seed heads that will develop if they are let get to long.*

Seeded Lawn Varieties

Munn's Arid Smartgrass:

A tall fescue grass with Endophyte. Endophyte (End-o-fight) produces a toxin, which repels a host of turf insects meaning a dramatic reduction in chemical usage, namely pesticides. This is a beautiful evergreen lawn, which will grow in acid to slightly alkaline soils from full sun to 80% shade. This grass is easy to mow, non-invasive, non-thatching and drought and cold tolerant. Not suitable for dogs. (On display).

Munn's Pixie Sun 'N' Shade

A dwarf variety of tall fescue grass with Endophyte. This is also a beautiful evergreen lawn, which will grow in acid to slightly alkaline soils from full sun to 85% shade. This grass is also easy to mow, non-invasive, non-thatching and cold tolerant. Not dog tolerant. (On display).

Please note:

Both the Arid and Pixie will grow in the widest range of soil & climatic conditions throughout Australia, in clay and sandy soil, hot and cold conditions. Arid & Pixie smartgrass lawn seeds will generally germinate in about 7-10 days – followed by well-established seedlings in approximately 4 weeks. Exceptions being the colder the temperatures, the longer the germination. Not suitable for dogs.

MUNNS GOLF COURSE GREEN:

This is available in seed form and is a blend of improved Kentucky blue Grass and improved Fine Leaf rye Grass. A very fine lawn it will withstand up to 50% shade and once established can be mowed to a height of 35mm. Water requirement in comparison to the Fescue lawns is higher. Not dog tolerant. (On display).

MUNNS HOUNDOG HARDY GRASS:

This is available in seed form and is a similar blend of the above with Creeping Red Fescue included. This is a slightly hardier lawn than the Golf Course Green with the same qualities and water requirement. Not dog tolerant. (On display).

MUNNS BUDGET

Available as a mix of Rye grasses, with a small amount of fescue. It is a good 'mother' crop for greening when Kikuyu seed is germination etc. It is a reasonably high water requirement grass mix in full sun. Not dog tolerant. (On display)

MUNNS SUNSMART COUCH

A hard wearing, fine leafed couch available as seed only. Tolerant to a wide range of soils and prefers full sun. Low water requirement and minimal maintenance. Stays greener well into the cold of winter. Dog tolerant. (On display).

AAA Parks Blend:

An extremely hardwearing blend of grasses including fescue, ryegrass and kikuyu. This is suitable for a very large area of lawn in full sun conditions. The finer grasses will give a beautiful green coverage and the whole area will be covered with kikuyu in about 3 years. Available as seed only in any quantity.

AAA Shady Blend:

A blend of high quality, fine leaf ryegrass, bluegrass and bent grasses. Capable or withstanding only 1-2 hours of direct sunlight. One of the most **shade** tolerant, evergreen blends of grasses available. Available as seed only in any quantity. Not dog tolerant. (On display).

AAA Royal Blend:

A blend of some of the finest seeds available, including fine leaf ryegrass, high quality bluegrass and the finest of the fescues. A most magnificent fine evergreen lawn. Very soft texture. Available as seed only in any quantity. Not dog tolerant. (On display).

AAA SA Blend:

A blend of fine, high quality fescue and fine leaf ryegrass, capable of withstanding 80% shade (3-4 hours of *direct* sunlight). An evergreen non-creeping grass with high endophyte levels, disease and drought tolerant whilst maintaining colour richness. Available as seed only in any quantity. Not dog tolerant. (On display).

AAA Hardy Blend:

A blend of high quality fine leaf ryegrass and bluegrass and couch. Suitable for full sun situations, the finer grasses give the couch a much thicker appearance and assist in wear and tear. The couch grass will go dormant in winter whilst the other grasses will give the greenness during the colder months. Available in seed only in any quantity. (On display).

Viro Cells

Viro cells are living trays of grass (like seedling trays) that are used to plug areas. They are only available October to March. Each tray contains 108 cells and if plugs are planted at 30cm intervals will cover approximately 10m².

Palmetto Buffalo (PBR):

This grass requires 3 hours of direct sunshine. Probably the greenest of the Buffalos during winter. Available as 'viro-cells' only. (On display).

Dichondra (Tom Thumb)

This is a shallow rooted ground cover. It will grow in filtered light where most true grasses will not survive. This is available as a seed or in 'viro-cells', which are living cells of grass making the establishment much quicker. (On display).

When purchasing an instant or seed variety why not take advantage of our '**Kick Start Kit**'? We offer you a saving of 10% when you purchase our package consisting of Munns Weta-Lawn and Garden granulated wetting agent, Munns Superstart starter fertiliser for sowing your new lawn and the first lot of Munns Greenup fertiliser for the next fertilise 4-6 weeks after sowing. Simply pick this up when you purchase your seed needs from our garden centre, take it with you, or we can have the whole pack delivered if you order our rollout turf.