

Biloela Buffel grass (*Cenchrus ciliaris*)

Biloela Buffel grass grows taller and is later maturing than other Buffel types, preferring heavier soil types. Widely used in central and northern parts of Australia because of its high drought tolerance, Biloela Buffel requires a rainfall between 300-900 mm.

Advantages

- extremely drought tolerant
- highly persistent
- continues to produce new growth while flowering
- tolerant of heavy grazing pressure
- responds quickly to rainfall

Limitations

- intolerant of waterlogging
- high oxalate levels, can cause bighead in horses

Seeding rate

3 – 15 kg/ha

Rainfall

300 mm+

Planting

To achieve best results, aim to have both soil moisture and seed to soil contact. Planting deeper than 2 cm will reduce establishment. Seed will begin to germinate when temperatures are 16°C and rising.

General fertilisation guide

Responds well to nitrogen application.

Growing management

Can be grazed heavily.

