



Narrow leaf carpet grass

Key features:

- Establishes easily from seed
- Low growing warm season turf grass forming dense sod and spreading by stolons
- Narrow soft smooth blunt leaves
- Useful as a low maintenance utility lawn and for revegetation or erosion control
- Well suited to the tropics and subtropics

Narrow leaf carpet grass originated in the American tropics (southern United States, the West Indies or Central America). It is now distributed throughout the tropical and subtropical regions of America, Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific Islands.

Narrow leaf carpet grass is a warm season perennial, stoloniferous, short spreading grass closely related to broadleaf carpet grass.

While its leaf blades are appreciably narrower (50-60%) than those of broadleaf carpet grass, narrow leaf carpet grass is still a coarse-textured species. It is more drought tolerant and better suited to drier shallower soils than broadleaf carpet grass. It can also be found growing quite happily in moist, well-watered soil, but not in water-logged conditions. Narrow leaf carpet grass, is ideally suited to hydro seeding and revegetation, or as a managed turf grass, in which case it forms a moderately dense sward of medium quality turf with a generally shallow root system. It is commonly found growing in parks and roadsides that have low soil fertility.

Sowing rate and maintenance

Sow new seed at 8 – 12 g/m² (80 - 120 kg/ha).

Mow narrow leaf carpet grass to 40 mm in height during the wet season and lower to 30 mm during the dry season. It does not tolerate close mowing, tolerates infrequent mowing and is frost sensitive. Fertilise once a year in summer but avoid excessive fertiliser.

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