

# Local Cultivar characteristics



<b>BOTANICAL NAME</b>		<i>Antheophora pubescens</i>
<b>TYPE</b>		• Sub-tropical, Grass
<b>PRODUCTION PERIOD</b>		• Perennial, Summer
<b>MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tufted grass, grows 0.3 – 1.5 m tall</li> <li>• Short sturdy rhizomes</li> <li>• Leaf blade is green to blue-green; flat; linear; 10 – 15 cm x 3 x 5 mm; tapering to a soft point</li> <li>• 350 000 – 380 000 seeds/kg</li> </ul>
<b>CROP</b>	<b>Strengths:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy to establish and tolerant to drought</li> <li>• Poor stands thicken up with time if it is well managed</li> <li>• Excellent foggage potential</li> </ul>
	<b>Feeding value:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crude protein: 7 –14 %</li> <li>• Digestibility: 50 – 60 %</li> </ul>
	<b>Production potential:</b>	• Dry matter production: 3 – 9 t/ha/annum
	<b>Uses:</b>	• Grazing, hay & foggage
	<b>Soil requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best adapted to sandy soil types, tolerates loam and gravelly soils</li> <li>• pH from 5.8 – 6.8</li> </ul>
	<b>Establishment:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant during October – February</li> <li>• Seeding rate of 7 – 9 kg/ha dryland</li> </ul>

\*Variety submitted for registration (where indicated). The photo in this document only indicates the kind and not the specific variety. Technical variety information provided in this document is applicable to climatic conditions in RSA. For final cultivar recommendations in your area contact your area representative.

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