

# Whittet

## Cultivar characteristics



<b>BOTANICAL NAME</b>		<i>Pennisetum clandestinum</i>
<b>TYPE</b>		• Sub-tropical, Grass
<b>PRODUCTION PERIOD</b>		• Perennial, Summer
<b>MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robust, creeping, prostrate form, 0.3 – 0.4m tall</li> <li>• Stoloniferous; rhizomatous</li> <li>• Leaf blades bright green to pale yellow, tapering to sub-obtuse tips, folded into a bud when young; 4.5 – 11.5cm x 6mm; sparsely and softly hairy</li> <li>• Flat and ovoid seeds; dark brown; 2.5 – 1.5mm; 400 000 seeds/kg</li> </ul>
<b>CROP</b>	<b>Strengths:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapid summer growth, responsive to good fertility</li> <li>• Productive under heavy grazing, high quality</li> </ul>
	<b>Feeding value:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crude protein: 10.7 – 23.7 %</li> <li>• Digestibility: 60 – 70 %</li> </ul>
	<b>Production potential:</b>	• Dry matter production: 6 – 20 t/ha/annum
	<b>Uses:</b>	• Permanent pasture, ground cover, amenity turf, irrigated pasture, hay and silage
	<b>Soil requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prefers fertile loamy soil types with high organic matter content</li> <li>• Tolerates low pH; moderate salinity; pH range of 4.5 – 8</li> </ul>
	<b>Establishment:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant during October – February</li> <li>• Seeding rate at 5 kg/ha</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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