

# Katambora

## Cultivar characteristics



<b>BOTANICAL NAME</b>		<i>Chloris gayana</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, erect growing, 1 – 2 m tall</li> <li>• Leaf blade is glabrous, except at the base near the stem; 30 – 40 cm x 3 – 5 mm; tapering to the point</li> <li>• Light and fluffy seeds; brown; 3.5 mm long; 4 000 000 seeds/kg</li> </ul>
<b>CROP</b>	<b>Strengths:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy establishment and rapid growth</li> <li>• Persistent under controlled grazing systems</li> <li>• Tolerant to drought</li> </ul>
	<b>Feeding value:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crude protein: 3 – 17 %</li> <li>• Digestibility: 40 – 80 %</li> </ul>
	<b>Production potential:</b>	• Dry matter production: 5 – 20 t/ha/annum
	<b>Uses:</b>	• Grazing, hay & erosion control
	<b>Soil requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Widely adapted to most soil types and tolerant to waterlogging</li> <li>• pH range of 5.5 – 8.0</li> </ul>
	<b>Establishment:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant during October – November; January – February</li> <li>• Seeding rate of 2 – 5 kg/ha dryland and 6 – 8 kg/ha irrigated</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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