

BUTTERFLY PEA

Clitoria ternatea

A climbing and twining biennial legume, Butterfly Pea is adapted to the tropical regions of Australia

BENEFITS

- Will persist in prolonged dry periods
- Easy to establish
- Handles grazing in a rotational grazing program

LIMITATIONS

- Sub-tropical swards have no growth in cooler months



+650mm



Wide Range
Preferred Heavy Soils



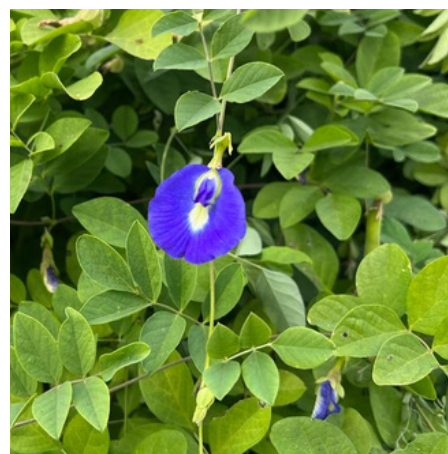
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Straight: 7-10kg/ha
Mix: 2-4kg/ha

PLANTING

- Sow between November - February when soil temperature is above 16°C and reliable rainfall is predicted
- Butterfly Pea should be inoculated with Group M (siratro) inoculant



ESTABLISHMENT

When establishing Butterfly Pea delay grazing / cutting for 14-20 weeks after establishment to allow seed set for seedling recruitment and to maintain legume density in the pasture sward.

When cutting for hay or silage the plants should be no lower than 60cm prior to pod formation, and a residual 10cm should be left to allow revegetation of plants.

USES suited to all livestock types, silage and hay



Companion Species - Tropical grasses (Rhodes, Panic Signal, Digits). Tropical legumes (Desmanthus, Stylos, Centros, Wyn Cassia, Lucerne)