

SECA STYLO

Stylosanthes scabra

A perennial shrubby legume adapted to lower fertility soils

BENEFITS

- Recovers in warmer months
- Tolerates heavy grazing
- Drought tolerant

LIMITATIONS

- Not frost tolerant
- Can decline in palatability



+500mm



Light textured



5.0-6.0



Mix: 2kg/ha

PLANTING

- Adapted to infertile, acidic or hard-setting soils
- Slow to establish in the first season
- Sow at the end of the dry season or early in wet season
- Well suited to low phosphorous soils but responds well to phosphorous application, with better yields and diet quality



ESTABLISHMENT

Manage grazing pressure in the first year to minimise grass competition. Allow to set seed before heavy grazing.

Stylo will spread fairly easily through ingestion by cattle and water movement so can become dominant if not managed. Very susceptible to fire.

Nutritive value will decline with age (Leaf Crude Protein from 20 to 10%).

USES suited to all livestock types, silage and hay



Companion Species - Tropical grasses (Creeping Bluegrass, Sabi grass, Buffel). Twining legumes (Siratro, Desmodium, Glycine). Shrubby legumes (Desmanthus, Stylo, Caatinga, Lucerne)