



**Kenda**  
Kikuyu Turf

**Kenda**<sup>®</sup>  
Kikuyu Turf  
Pennisetum clandestinum 'KIK203' (L)



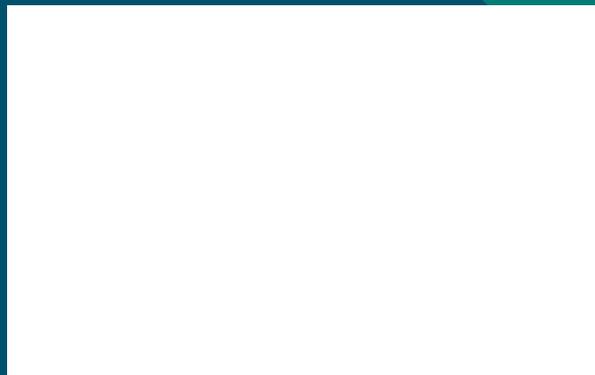
Common Kikuyu male flower



Kenda<sup>®</sup> Kikuyu—no seed



Available from:



Handles wear and tear of all kinds—  
from kids to dogs and race horses

Best winter colour

[www.kendaturf.com.au](http://www.kendaturf.com.au)

## Benefits of Kenda® Kikuyu

### **Beautiful colour and texture**

Kenda® Kikuyu has the best winter colour of any warm climate turf. It is more uniform and dense in comparison to other Kikuyu varieties.

### **It's tough, drought and wear tolerant**

This turf variety has 4 times as many rhizomes in comparison to common Kikuyu, meaning a quicker recovery rate.

Due to its large prostrate runners and excellent growth rate, Kenda® Kikuyu copes with drought better and has a quicker establishment period.

### **Does not seed like the common form**

Common Kikuyu and seeded types regularly produce viable seed, which can spread into places you don't want it. These seed heads can also cause problems for you if you have allergies.

Kenda was bred to be predominantly cytoplasmic male sterile, meaning it is less likely to produce functional anthers, pollen, or male gametes.\*

### **Kenda is best for...**

**Residential:** Sunny home lawns that require the ultimate in wear recovery (dogs, kids playing in backyard, lots of backyard parties).

**Commercial:** Suited to most sporting facilities that require a turf which will perform under the duress of extreme wear and at the same time stay far greener in winter than any couch.

\*As seeded Kikuyu is all over Australia now, it is possible for an occasional plant of Kikuyu to invade from seed. We have procedures in place to minimize this as much as possible. However, some level of contamination may be unstoppable. The unique growth habit of Kenda® turf makes it harder for seeded Kikuyu to invade it.

**Position:** Full sun to 20% shade with low wear and 15% shade with high to moderate wear.

**Drought tolerance:** Excellent tolerance. It thrives in hot, humid and desert areas.

**Cold tolerance:** Tested down to -9° celsius.

**Establishment:** It takes approximately 2-3 weeks to establish.

**Mowing height and frequency:** 2-5 cm. More mowing required than Couch, Buffalo and Zoysia.

**Root structure:** Deep rooted.

**Disease and pest tolerance:** Good tolerance to Kikuyu yellows disease due to its more vigorous growth habit.



## The Pros and Cons

### **Advantages**

- Good disease tolerance.
- Great winter colour in comparison to other grasses.
- Less vertical growth if left unmown for a period.
- The lack of seed compared to common Kikuyu makes Kenda® turf much safer and greatly reduces the chance of invasion into neighbouring bushland, gardens and neighbours lawns.
- Many have commented that with its dark green colour and leaf texture, it resembles a well maintained Tall Fescue lawn.
- Less turf replacement required for sporting ovals.

### **Disadvantages**

- Grows very fast across the ground, so it will run into gardens a little faster. Any Kikuyu type is a poor choice for people with lots of gardens that do not have good hard edges. Buffalo lawns and Empire are a better choice for this.
- Like other Kikuyu types, Kenda® turf is not good in shade. Buffalo and Zoysia types are better. Kenda® turf prefers full sun, or at the most light shade.
- Like other Kikuyu, Kenda® turf will need more mowing than Couch, Buffalo and Zoysia, but this is why it is so popular for high wear areas.

### **For installation and maintenance...**

Visit [www.kendaturf.com.au](http://www.kendaturf.com.au) and have a look at the turf care links.

### **For turf care products...**

Visit [www.ozbreed.com.au/lawn\\_garden\\_care\\_shop](http://www.ozbreed.com.au/lawn_garden_care_shop) where you will find quality slow release fertiliser, weed control and more.