

Winter Colour

Similar to other good Buffalo types. Excellent winter colour in Sydney, Perth, Brisbane, Adelaide and Melbourne (provided it is fertilised in April). It will go dormant in colder areas such as Canberra, but will hold its winter colour longer than most varieties.

Shade Tolerance

Best Buffalo in shade. Good for 0-60% shade. Often works in 70%, but with reduced quality. See inside for research.

Hot Weather Tolerance

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

Cold Tolerance

Tested down to -10°C in Canberra.

Salt Tolerance

Department of Primary Industries (DPI) research showed it was better than most varieties.

Establishment

Sapphire® Buffalo lawn is quicker to strike than older generations of Buffalo, making it the safer choice.

Recovery from Wear

Excellent, as it has fast growing runners.

Mowing Height and Frequency

35-45mm in full sun, 50-60mm in shade. Less mowing than Couch and Kikuyu similar to most other Buffalo types.

Root Structure

Deep rooted.

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#1 Buffalo in Shade.
Proven by research.

Benefits of Sapphire® Buffalo

Fine Texture

Sapphire® turf has a much finer leaf than other Buffalo varieties. When Sapphire® Buffalo is mature, its leaf folds at tight angles along its axis, resulting in a finer texture.



Out Competes Weeds

Due to Sapphire® Buffalo's tight mat and high performance, it leaves very little room for weeds to grow. In the unlikely event that broadleaf weeds ever become a problem, Sapphire® turf can be sprayed with Bromoxynil and MCPA, as it is resistant to these chemicals. Follow directions on the spray pack.

Fast Recovery

A Sapphire® lawn has rapid growth across the ground. This high performance allows it to cope well with high traffic situations. In extra high wear areas it is recommended that you fertilise and water more than normal.

Less Thatch

Sapphire® Buffalo is proving to be less spongy than other Buffalo varieties.

Great Winter Colour

It takes quite a few frosts to send Sapphire off colour.

Drought Tough

This turf has a very deep root system, which means it can hang on looking great with less frequent watering. In normal soils on the east coast of Australia, Sapphire® Buffalo should only need watering in the warmer months, and in general once every few weeks should be enough, except in severe heat and drought conditions.

So Fine, So Soft

Just touch it, feel it and look at it. You will be impressed with a Sapphire® lawn.



The #1 Buffalo in Shade

Sapphire® Buffalo has been found to be the number one soft leaf Buffalo grass in shade. This has been proven by research data from Horticulture Australia and the Department of Primary Industries Queensland (DPI QLD).

Shade Ratings Table					
Cultivar	30% shade	50% shade	70% shade	90% shade	Average over 30-90%
Sapphire®	6.94	6.5	5.65	3.33	5.6
Average of other Buffalo varieties	5.87	5.69	5.01	2.61	4.79

Notes: Ozbreed took the raw data from the HAL & DPI QLD research and summarised the averages of that data in the table below for an easier to read format.

These are averages from subjective turf quality ratings. (0=dead 6=acceptable 10=excellent).

Data from Adaptation & Management of Australian Buffalo Grass Cultivars for Shade & Water Conservation. HAL and Queensland Department of Primary Industries.

Sapphire® Buffalo is suitable for full sun to 60% shade with normal to high wear and up to 70% shade with low wear.

