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Sapphire
SOFT LEAF BUFFALO™

NEXT GENERATION

Sapphire has the vigour of a young vibrant breed and establishes extremely well. **Sapphire soft leaf Buffalo was bred in Australia from the older Australian variety of Sir Walter Buffalo turf.** Next generation Sapphire looks so much better and finer textured than other varieties. Sapphire is easily as good as any other Buffalo in performance. Sapphire - performance and good looks.



Sapphire (left) has a finer leaf in comparison to other Buffalo varieties (right)

AUSSIE OWNED AND BRED

Sapphire was bred in Australia and first grown here. It is an overseas success as it didn't take long for America to realise how good this grass is. Over a thousand acres are now grown in the US. **Sapphire is the only Australian bred Buffalo to make it overseas.**

In a recent Australian industry study, Sapphire had the best shade tolerance score of all Buffalo types

For more information and research go to **www.sapphireturf.com.au**

The Next Generation of Buffalo Lawn



WHY DOES IT LOOK BETTER?

Watch the video with Nigel Ruck from the Garden Guru's to see how good Sapphire really is!

www.ozbreed.com.au/download/SapphireGGep8b.wmv

Older generation Buffalo types are all coarse leaved and less attractive. The new breed Sapphire is beautifully fine textured, soft to walk on and side by side the next generation is a true stand out.

WINTER COLOUR

It is equal to or much better than all older Australian bred Buffalos.

RECOVERY FROM WEAR

Sapphire has excellent wear tolerance with very fast recovery.

ESTABLISHMENT

The new turf is quicker to strike than the old generation, making Sapphire the safer choice.

OTHER QUALITIES...

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

Cold tolerance: Tested down to -10°C in Canberra.

Shade tolerance: Best Buffalo in shade. Good for 0%-60% shade. Often works in 70%, but with reduced quality.

Salt tolerance: Similar to many other Buffalos.

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.

Use: Residential and commercial lawns, parks etc.

Root structure: Deep rooted.

Drought tolerance: Excellent once established due to its deep root system. In 2007, a large study showed Sapphire had the best rating when the water was turned off for 30 days of all 7 tested Buffalos.

Thatch: Less thatch build up compared to most other Buffalo types.



The #1 Buffalo in shade

Sapphire was recently 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). See summarised table below for more information.

Note: 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.



SHADE RATINGS TABLE

CULTIVAR	0% shade	30% shade	50% shade	70% shade	90% shade	Avg. 0-70% shade
Sapphire	7.65	6.93	6.5	5.65	3.33	6.68
Shademaster	7.48	6.15	6.33	5.65	2.43	6.4
Sir Walter	7.15	6.28	5.85	5.4	3	6.17
Matilda	7.1	6.6	6.15	5.08	2.58	6.23
Kings Pride	7.5	5.93	6.33	5.43	2.48	6.3
ST-26	7.58	5.23	5.83	5.08	3.18	5.93
Jabiru	6.35	6.08	5.4	4.93	2.6	5.69
ST-85	6.18	5.78	5	4	2.1	5.24

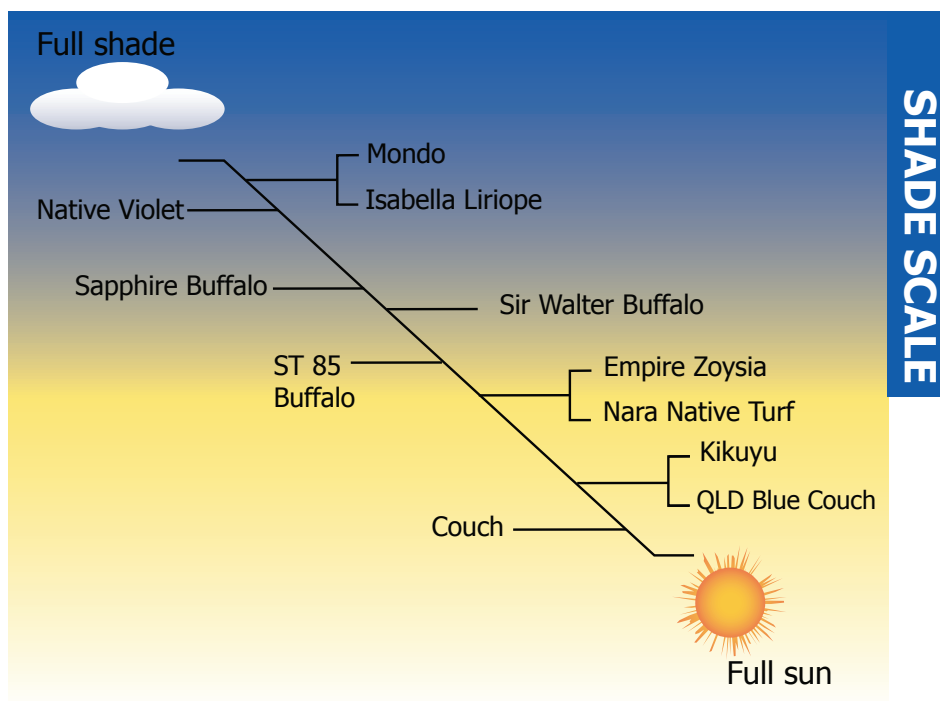
Note: These are averages from subjective turf quality ratings.

(0=dead 6=acceptable 10=excellent)

Four ratings were taken (16th and 30th March 2009, 20th April 2009 and 11th May 2009).

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

Shade Percentage Averages from HAL & DPI QLD Research



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