

## **FACT SHEET for: What Grass Is That – Buffalo Grass**

- 1) Giddy it's the lawn expert
- 2) In the last video we talked about the 2 main grass types being Cool Season & Warm Season Grasses
- 3) With the Warm Season Grasses we have a great variety including Buffalo, Queensland Blue Couch, Zoysia, Couch, Kikuyu and Seashore Paspalum
- 4) Today we will focus on Buffalo grass and have a look at a few samples of Buffalo grass. Buffalo grass is the same grass referred to by the Yanks as St Augustine, just so we are on the same page.
- 5) When referring to particular plants (and animals) we may use common names or we may use scientific names. Common names are names given by local people to refer to plants and animals. Common names may be totally different from one country to another, from one state to another, and even from one county to another. For example, in Australia we have Couch grass also known as Bermuda Grass in North America. And The Australian Buffalo Grass is known as St Augustine grass in North America.
- 6) The scientific name for Buffalo Grass and St Augustine Grass is *Stenotaphrum secundatum* – this name is the same worldwide for what we know as Buffalo Grass. The latin / scientific name ensures we are talking about the same species.
- 7) Out of all the warm season grasses there are only 2 that don't have the underground runners or rhizomes these are Buffalo and Queensland Blue couch. Not a bad thing but just saying. All the others like couch, zoysia and kikuyu have both stolons & rhizomes.
- 8) Interestingly, around 75% of all Turf Grass (sod) sold in Australia is Buffalo grass. Buffalo's popularity is due to its nice thick texture and colour and shade tolerance. Although some people do prefer other grasses.
- 9) What do I like? Well it really depends on the site factors. I like all grasses as they come in all shapes and colours, however, there is a place for all of them.
- 10) Let's have a look at a couple of samples of overgrown and well kept buffalo lawns
- 11) In return and as a favour to me, please **SUBSCRIBE** to our Youtube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/yourlawnandgarden> and please **SHARE** our video to your friends on Facebook, LinkedIn and Pinterest. **Also, please give us the THUMBS up and LIKE our video!!!**