FACT SHEET for: What Grass Is That – Durban Grass

- 1) Gidday it's the lawn expert
- 2) What Turf Grass is That?
- 3) Today we are looking at Durban Grass (or Sweet Smother, both accepted common names) or as it is known by its botanical / latin name of *Dactyloctenium australe*
- 4) If you have a full shade area then Durban Grass will be a great ground cover grass.
- 5) Durban Grass is used a lot as ground covering grass under Nut Trees (like macadamia and pecan trees) you see this a lot in Macadamia Tree plantations along the North Coast of NSW and along the Queensland coast.
- 6) Durban Grass has both stolons (above ground runners) and rhizomes (below ground runners). Durban Grass needs to be mowed at the highest setting of your mower at around 3 inches or 75mm high so that it looks good, any shorter and the grass opens up exposing the soil to weeds.
- 7) As far as I know it is not grown any more by turf growers in NSW. You can source Durban Grass from some growers in Queensland.
- 8) Hope this helps.
- 9) 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!!!