

TRADEMARK:	Kenda® Kikuyu	BOTANICAL NAME:	<i>Pennisetum clandestinum</i>
PBR:	KIK- 203 This variety is protected by Australian Plant Breeder's Rights (PBR)		

KEY FEATURES:



- Bred to be predominantly male sterile, Kenda® Kikuyu doesn't seed like common Kikuyu so won't spread.
- Kenda® Kikuyu has 4 times as many rhizomes as common Kikuyu, so it wears a lot better.
- Kenda® Kikuyu keeps growing in winter when other warm season turf types stop – has a Green Winter Colour.
- Kenda® Kikuyu is drought tough and fast establishing due to its large prostrate runners.
- Kenda® Kikuyu grows more horizontally than vertically – giving it a lower profile when not mown regularly.
- Kenda® Kikuyu is more uniform and has a denser appearance than common Kikuyu.
- Kenda® Kikuyu has low allergenic characteristics.
- Kenda® Kikuyu has a dense leaf which is soft underfoot.
- When left unmown, Kenda® Kikuyu is shorter than common Kikuyu.

PERFORMANCE:

PURPOSE	All-purpose turf: Domestic, commercial and sports ground use.
ESTABLISHMENT	Fast to establish - about two to three weeks.
MOWING	Lower cutting heights.
RECOMMENDED MOWING HEIGHT	30mm
MAINTENANCE	High
WATER REQUIREMENTS	Infrequent and deep watering is preferred to frequent and shallow watering because the roots will only grow as deeply as its most frequently available water supply. Deeply rooted grass has a larger "soil-water bank" to draw moisture from and this will help the grass survive drought and hot weather that rapidly dries out the upper soil layer. Once the root system has fully established, water thoroughly only when needed-when a slight wilting is visible, usually once every 7-10 days in summer (on sandy soils more often), with much less or no water in cooler months.
COLOUR	Has a slightly darker colour than regular Kikuyu. Staying greener during winter.
SEED HEAD	Kenda® Kikuyu is a male sterile variety, producing little or no seed heads.
FERTILISER	It is recommended to use a good quality slow release fertiliser at least twice a year. First in early April, then again in September. If you need a quick green-up, a high nitrogen fertiliser can be used.
COLD TOLERANCE	Survives temperatures down to -9°C.
DROUGHT TOLERANCE	High
SALT RESISTANCE	High
SHADE TOLERANCE	Low to moderate

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PERFORMANCE (continued):	
WEED RESISTANCE	Out-competes weeds but a broad range of registered chemicals are available for controlling weeds in Kenda® Kikuyu.
PEST RESISTANCE	Kenda's robust nature gives it a greater field resistance and increases its ability to cope with diseases such as Kikuyu Yellows. Watch for Lawn Grub and African Black Beetle.
WEAR AND TEAR RECOVERY	Very high
THATCHING	Low
DISEASE RESISTANCE	High
USAGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporting fields • Racecourses • Parks • Erosion control • Domestic housing developments
AVAILABILITY	QLD, NSW, ACT, VIC, SA & WA (not yet available in NT)

ADVISORY:

John Keleher, Agronomist, TPI Board Member & Turf Farmer • Mark Burchell, Melbourne Polytechnic

LICENSING & COMMERCIAL ENQUIRIES:

TurfBreed Pty Ltd's contracts under license a large network of growers across the country to grow Kenda® Kikuyu fit for purpose and region.

To discuss how Kenda® Kikuyu can become part of your new project or as a long-term erosion control measure, please contact our Territory Managers.

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