



The No.1 native choice for  
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**Nara**<sup>TM</sup>  
NATIVE ZOYSIA

AUSTRALIAN BORN & BRED

ANOTHER QUALITY TURF FROM

**TURF**  
**breed**  
promote your growth



UP TO 60% LESS  
MAINTENANCE

## FAST FACTS

### NATIVE GRASS:

Australian born and bred. As an Australia native grass, Nara's ability to adapt to our harsh and unique climatic conditions makes it the No.1 choice when other Australian native plants are specified. It matches the environmentally friendly landscape (e.g., National and State Parks and purpose built Australian native gardens).

### MAINTENANCE:

Up to 60% less ongoing maintenance than Couch or Kikuyu.

### SALT TOLERANCE:

For Australia's coastal regions, Nara™ boasts excellent salt tolerance, working well on and around swampy sites.

### LOW PHOSPHOROUS TOLERANCE:

Nara™ is a native plant that does not require high phosphates as it tolerates extreme soil conditions.

### DROUGHT TOLERANCE:

More drought-tolerant and water-efficient than Couch, Kikuyu and Buffalo varieties.

### NATURAL WEED RESISTANCE:

Out-competes weeds once established.

### SHADE TOLERANCE:

Medium 40% to 50% shade tolerant (higher tolerance than Couch and Kikuyu).

### SITE STABILISATION:

For sloping yards, Nara™ offers superb erosion control and is ideal for slopes, roadside batters and swales.

### SPECIES COVERAGE:

Endemically Nara™ covers a latitudinal range from 23°S to almost 43°S near Hobart in Tasmania. Longitudinally, it extends from 153°E in northern NSW to almost 137°E in South Australia.



**Nara™ Native Zoysia** (*Zoysia macrantha*) is fast becoming Australia's No.1 environmentally-friendly native turf choice, thanks to its integration into natural landscapes. In particular it has the added benefits of lower maintenance (in comparison to other popular varieties), strong weed resistance, outstanding drought, salt and wear tolerance as well as keeping a strong winter colour.

For commercial use, Nara™ suitability compliments (working with / not against) Australia's unique climatic conditions is a key element. Bred and originating in Australia, Nara™ is the obvious choice for commercial projects scoping for a long-term, cost-effective, lower maintenance and erosion controlling 'native' Australian turf.

As a large proportion of Australians live in coastal areas, Nara™ has extremely high salt tolerance, out-competes weeds, is great in shade and full sun areas yet also balances beautifully within our Australian native vegetation. As a true Aussie battler, Nara™ survives well in our extreme temperatures needing less water, less mowing and less attention than other turf varieties.

**The environmental benefits of Nara™ have been noted and utilised by local councils, large housing developments, roadwork landscapers, national parks and sporting facilities that recognise its all-purpose performance.**

Across Australia, roadwork companies use Nara™ for erosion prevention and councils utilise its effective sea salt tolerance along windy coastal areas where it endures high saline conditions.

**Local Government/Council** - In Australia, Nara™ is increasingly being specified on many large projects due to its native aspect that meets government guidelines when a native look and specification is required. It is also proven to be a variety of choice due to its lower maintenance which sees many councils not having to poison or mow roadside kerbs where weeds and grass reside.

**Housing Developments** - Large housing estates, both in Queensland and New South Wales, prefer this versatile, tough wearing variety as it offers lower maintenance and drought resistance – appealing to new home buyers and landscape maintenance companies. Once established, its strong stolon mass assists Nara's hard wearing.



DROUGHT & WEAR TOLERANCE

**Roadworks** – Road developments use Nara™ as the specified all-round champion as it:

- **Needs up to 60% less maintenance** than current unspecified grasses such as Couch and Kikuyu regardless of climatic region.
- Survives extremely well on natural rainfall once established.
- Is widely used in drainage swales as it handles the extremes, from wet feet to dry conditions and requires less attention as it soaks-up any available nutrients extremely efficiently.
- Needs only two to four maintenance mows a year in swales as it only gets to a height of approximately 15cm.
- Has far less thatching than Couch, Kikuyu and Buffalo making it easier to manage and less labour intensive.
- Out-competes weeds due to its thick sward.
- Due to its stolons, it requires less edging thus reducing hazardous spray programmes by road maintenance crews.

Nara™ is fast becoming a popular Zoysia choice along the Australian eastern seaboard as customers tell retailers they love its “look and feel”. Subsequently, Nara’s demand and supply are growing exponentially. With the introduction of Nara™ into the Australian market place it is the first time that going “native for turf” has been an option for the Australian family DIYers.

Landscapers are reportedly saying that while it behaves like any other typical lawn, “...Nara™ has the added benefits of being not only a lower maintenance lawn, its uniquely an Australian Native grass that also out-competes weeds...”.

**Nara™ is a high-performing and versatile turf suited to the homeowner who is looking for the benefits of a lush, green lawn – but without the work!** It thrives against weeds, requires less mowing, edging and fertilising than other turf varieties, including Buffalo, Couch and Kikuyu.

**For regions with water restrictions, Nara™ is highly recommended due to its high drought tolerance.**

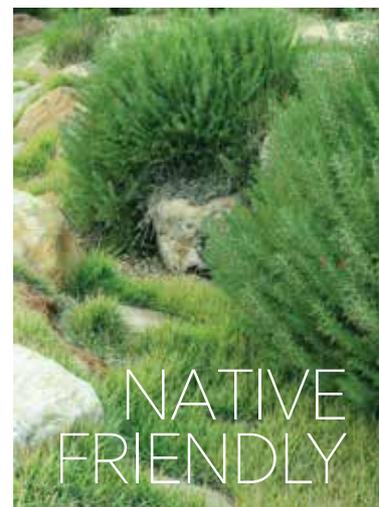
For the home lawn, Nara™ has a high level of chemical flexibility meaning adaptability to many mainstream products compared to Buffalo and Kikuyu.



SALT TOLERANCE



WINTER COLOUR



NATIVE FRIENDLY



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**MORPHOLOGY:**

<b>PLANT</b>	Growth:	Stolons and rhizomes	Vigour:	Strong to very strong
<b>STOLON</b>	Stolon length:	Long to very long	Stolon diameter of node:	Medium to broad
	Internode length:	Medium	Internode thickness:	Broad
	Internode colour:	Greyed-purple (RHS 187A)		
<b>LEAF BLADE</b>	Shape:	Ligulate	Length:	Long
	Width:	Fine/Dormant Health Medium/Normal Health	Colour:	Yellow-green (RHS 146B)

**PERFORMANCE:**

<b>MOWING</b>	Survives well unmown and unattended e.g. road works drainage areas. Otherwise approx. 2 mows per year for civil/projects to maintain a dense sward and for erosion control for drainage works.
<b>MAXIMUM UNMOWN HEIGHT</b>	100-150mm
<b>RECOMMENDED MOWING HEIGHT</b>	25-50mm
<b>WATER REQUIREMENTS</b>	Required for establishment, then can exist on rainfall due to deep root system ( <i>far less than Couch and Kikuyu</i> ).
<b>COLOUR</b>	Vibrant in summer and, although dormant in winter, maintains colour well. Different to <i>Japonica</i> (Empire) which is purple.
<b>FERTILISER</b>	Recommended 1 per year ( <i>far less than Couch and Kikuyu</i> ).
<b>DROUGHT TOLERANCE</b>	Very high
<b>SEED HEAD</b>	In early spring, produces a non-fertile white seed head. At other times, this is an indication of stress, poor soil, polluted water etc...
<b>COLD TOLERANCE</b>	Tolerates to -12°C. Following frost, regenerates well after first mow.
<b>HUMIDITY TOLERANCE</b>	High
<b>SALT TOLERANCE</b>	Extremely high – rates higher than any other Zoysia ( <i>e.g. Buffalo, Couch and Paspalam</i> ).
<b>WEED RESISTANCE</b>	Out competes weeds due to its dense sward when maintained.
<b>SHADE TOLERANCE</b>	Med 40%-50% shade tolerance ( <i>higher tolerance than Couch and Kikuyu</i> ).
<b>THATCHING</b>	Low ( <i>no need for vertimowing when less maintenance is required</i> ).
<b>FIT FOR PURPOSE</b>	Roadwork's across Australia for erosion control. Where a 'native' grass variety is specified e.g. National Parks and Native Bushlands. Windy coastal areas due to tolerance of higher salt levels. Shopping centres and large landscaping projects.

**LICENSING & COMMERCIAL ENQUIRIES:**

TurfBreed Pty Ltd's contracts under license a large network of growers across the country to grow Nara™ Native Zoysia fit for purpose and region.

To discuss how Nara™ Native Zoysia can become part of your new project or as a long-term erosion control measure, please contact our Territory Managers.

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