

Purple Lea®

Pennisetum alopecuroides 'PA400' (b)

NATIVE GRASSES

An Australian Native with elegant purple flower heads.

- Purple Lea® *Pennisetum* boasts rich purple flowers contrasting with full sized green foliage.
- It is friendly to native bushland and is excellent for attracting native birds.
- Will tolerate a wide variety of soils and climates, including poorly drained areas and drought conditions.

Description	Showy, clumping perennial
Density	2-6 plants per m ² 1-2 per linear metre
Height & Width	80-90cm x 80-90cm
Flowering	Purple flower heads from February-May
Best Planting Time	March-October
Uses	Mass or accent plantings for borders, rockeries and low maintenance gardens
Position	Full sun to part shade Tolerates frost & drought
Soil Type	Sandy to heavy clay soils
Care	Water as required for 8-13 weeks until established; trim 1/3 the size annually in May-August or as required; remove spent flower heads as required, dispose of correctly if in a warmer climate or wet area; mulch well; use slow release fertiliser in late winter
Where it Works	NSW, ACT, QLD, VIC, SA, WA & TAS



Pennisetum alopecuroides *Pennisetum setaceum*

NOTE: Do not get this native Australian *Pennisetum alopecuroides* confused with the invasive African variety (*P. setaceum*). The native Australian varieties have a much wider plume than the exotic variety, and are non-invasive making them a safer choice. In ideal conditions this variety has the possibility to regenerate from seed (e.g. Northern NSW/QLD in warm/wet winters, wet areas and excessively irrigated gardens). It is not an invasive weed, however if you experience these conditions and prefer to avoid regeneration, remove spent flower heads as required and dispose of correctly.

