

Game Cover Crops

Reed Canary Grass

LONGER TERM CROPS

Perennial game cover crops provide valuable year round habitat for game and farmland wildlife. They help reduce workload during busy periods and reduce establishment costs.



Perennial Chicory

CANARY GRASS

(Phalaris aquatica) 

Canary Grass provides excellent medium to long term nesting cover for pheasant and partridge and can be used to both hold and drive birds. It is useful in areas where annual planting is not an option, either because it is uneconomic or too difficult and is a good choice to use between tree rows in newly established woods. Care must be taken to drill in wide enough rows to prevent the canary grass becoming too dense and therefore impassable for the birds. Annual management should be undertaken to keep the rows clear and topping is beneficial if the grass becomes too tall, with the debris being removed.

Sowing rate 6kg/ha
Pack size 2.5kg
Treatment Untreated

YELLOW BLOSSOM CLOVER



A biennial plant which can persist for several years due to its self-regenerating properties. Owing to its sweet smell and copious production of nectar it is highly attractive to insects, which in turn attract game birds and wildlife. Sowing with kale will help to provide cover in the first year, with the tall, woody-stemmed clover taking over in the second year. Yellow Blossom Clover can thrive in the poorest of soils and being leguminous and deep rooting it is invaluable for improving soil structure and fertility.

Sowing rate 6kg/ha
Pack size 2kg
Treatment Untreated

REED CANARY GRASS

(Phalaris arundinacea) 

Reed Canary Grass is similar to Phalaris aquatica but is more suitable for use in exposed northern regions as it is a much hardier plant and will tolerate a wide range of soil types. It not only offers nesting and cover to pheasants but also provides wild birds with nesting sites. The crop is purely for cover and does not provide feed so bare patches may be left unplanted or later cut out to provide areas for artificial feeding. As with Phalaris aquatica drilling in wide rows is necessary rather than broadcasting or the crop will become too dense. Annual management should be undertaken to keep the rows clear. Topping is beneficial if it becomes too tall, with the debris removed.

Sowing rate 6kg/ha
Pack size 2.5kg
Treatment Untreated

PERENNIAL CHICORY



Creates tall, dense cover, bolting in its second year to create a 6 - 7ft flowering hedge, useful where a perimeter barrier is required. It has good tolerance to drought, acid soils and major pests (but does not like very wet ground) and has a high mineral content including Zinc, Potassium and Copper.

Sowing rate 5kg/ha
Pack size 2kg
Treatment Untreated

DEER LAWN MIXTURE



25% Meadow Fescue
 15% Timothy
 15% Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass (Diploid)
 10% Late Perennial Ryegrass (Diploid)
 8% Smooth Stalk Meadow Grass
 5% Creeping Red Fescue
 3.5% Sainfoin
 3% Black Medick
 3% Lucerne (inoculated)
 2.5% Brown Top Bent
 2.5% White Clover
 2% Red Clover
 2% Fenugreek
 2% Perennial Chicory
 1% Plantain
 0.5% Meadow Foxtail

100%

Sowing rate 37kg/ha
 Pack size 15kg

GENERAL PURPOSE REARING PEN MIX



25% Amenity Perennial Ryegrass
 23% Late Perennial Ryegrass (Diploid)
 20% Creeping Red Fescue
 15% Timothy
 7% Meadow Fescue
 6% Birdsfoot Trefoil
 4% White Clover

100%

Sowing rate 37kg/ha
 Pack size 15kg