

HUSBANDRY GUIDELINES

GFS WBS2 (AB9) 2 YEAR POTENTIAL

GAME COVER & STEWARDSHIP SEED

Seed Rate: 20kg/acre 50kg/Ha
Description: Proven wild bird seed mix providing great cover and feed for wild birds, pheasants and partridges.

Annual - 2 year duration if kale is maintained

Food or cover: Both

Period of usefulness: August-January

Plant Height: 1 Meter (3 feet)

Drill or broadcast: Drill

Time of Sowing: May when soil temperature has reached 10°C

Row Width: 30-45cm

Depth of sowing: 1-2 cm

Soil Type: Various / minimum ph 6

Seedbed Preparations: Aim to achieve a firm, fine seed bed & roll the seed in

Fertiliser: 100kg/Ha (80 units/ac) Nitrogen
50kg/Ha (40 units/ac) Phosphate
50kg/Ha (40 units/ac) Potassium
Approx 200kg/Ac or 500kg/Ha of 20:10:10

Adequate nitrogen is required to ensure the **kale** is present in the 2nd year. Therefore a second application of Nitrogen at 75kg/Ha (60 units/acre) could be beneficial later in the season ie August if moisture is present.

Where soil nutrient reserves are unknown, apply the above fertiliser to the seedbed and incorporate pre-drilling. Where soil nutrient reserves are known adjust this accordingly. Always take into account nutrients from organic manures that have been applied.

Herbicide control: To ensure a successful establishment and continued growth, effective/appropriate weed control is essential.
A stale seedbed would always be the best approach using **Glyphosate**.

Pesticide Control: Flea beetle attacks in the kale must be controlled with tough insecticide regime at the 1st sign of damage to ensure kale survives into the second season.

Comments: Given the right conditions, WBS2 will provide an excellent wildbird seed mixture being easy to manage and providing full season feed and cover. Eligible as a wild bird seed mixture in Environmental Stewardship agreements (AB9).

WBS 2 AB9

1 - 2 Year Spring Sown
Attracts Grey Partridge

- 45% Spring Triticale
- 20% Spring Barley
- 15% Spring Wheat
- 6.75% Kale (2 yr) Combi Coat Treated
- 4% Fodder Radish
- 4% White Millet
- 3% Dwarf Sunflower
- 2% Red Millet
- 0.75% Perennial Chicory (2 Year)

Pack size 20kg

Sowing Rate (kg/ha)
50

WILD BIRD SEED

