

LUCERNE

Sceptre Lucerne

Widely adaptable

Medicago sativa

Sceptre is an older variety that has vigorous seedling establishment which ensures strong robust plants. Excellent disease and pest resistance profile.

ABOUT THIS VARIETY

Sceptre Lucerne was bred for Australian conditions and in earlier years was one of the most widely adapted lucernes in WA, performing very well across a wide range of soil types and climatic conditions.

Sceptre Lucerne is a tall, large leaved, highly winter active variety that exhibits a large number of fine, erect stems per plant and has a low crown making it suitable for grazing.

Sceptre Lucerne is suited to dryland or irrigated growing areas and performs well in sites where disease and nematode susceptible varieties will not persist. Being highly winter active, Sceptre Lucerne can be sown through the early winter to early spring period and is suitable for under sowing cereals or as a rotation crop.



QUICK FACTS

-  **TYPE & PERSISTENCY**
Perennial
-  **MIN RAINFALL**
350 mm+
-  **SOIL & PH**
Soil range: Sand to Loam · pH 5.5+ (CaCl₂)
-  **SOWING RATE**
4–10 kg/ha Dryland, 10–20 kg/ha Irrigation
-  **TOLERANCES**
Mild Salinity
-  **END USE**
Grazing, Hay, Silage, Break crop
-  **WINTER ACTIVITY**
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KEY ATTRIBUTES

- ✓ Excellent disease and pest resistance profile
- ✓ Vigorous seedling establishment provides strong robust plants
- ✓ Ideal as the legume component of a pasture mix
- ✓ Good production in other seasons
- ✓ Ideal for hay, grazing and silage
- ✓ Strongly tap rooted for enhanced drought tolerance

PLANTING & GRAZING NOTES

Ongoing applications of fertiliser are required to support good plant production. Its low crown makes it suitable for grazing. Being highly winter active, Sceptre can be sown through the early winter to early spring period. Inoculant: group AL.

DISEASE & PEST RESISTANCE

Resistant to stagonospora crown rot, stemphylium leaf spot, leptosphaerulina leaf spot, phytophthora root rot, spotted, bluegreen and pea aphids, and root knot nematode. Moderately resistant to colletotrichum crown rot, fusarium wilt and bacterial wilt. Tolerant of stem nematode.

STAND LIFE

Highly recommended for shorter term, 2-4 years, cropping rotations in 280-500mm rainfall zones.

HOW IT'S SOLD

FORM	PACK
Bare	25 kg