

Register of Australian Herbage Plant Cultivars

A. Grasses

12. Buffel

Cenchrus ciliaris L. (buffel grass) cv. Boorara

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Origin

This cultivar was grown by the Queensland Department of Primary Industries at various testing centres, at least from 1950 onwards, as Q.2953; it is believed to be a Commonwealth Plant Introduction but an error in the records renders this identification impossible. A small seed sample was forwarded in 1954 to W.H. Rich of "Boorara", Yalleroi, Qld., who rapidly multiplied it for establishment in gidyea forest land and for commercial sale. At the same time, testing at a number of Research Stations indicated some superiority which led to its formal release by the Queensland Pasture Liaison Committee in 1962.

Morphological description (3,4)

Cv. Boorara is a tall, lax, moderately rhizomatous type and similar to Biloela in most morphological detail. It is, however, somewhat finer-stemmed and leafier. Its culms are usually 6-10 noded. Its leaf sheaths and lower surface of leaf blades are minutely scabrid on the nerves, and the ligule is 1.5-2.0 mm long.

Agronomic characters (1,2,4-7)

This variety has a similar performance to cv. Biloela. It is slightly later in flowering and a little leafier.

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