

# BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL

## COOL SEASON LEGUME

**Birdsfoot Trefoil** is moderately long-lived herbaceous perennial legume. It has a well developed, branching, tap-like root with side roots near the soil surface. Most cultivars are erect and grow to a height of 6-8 inches. When ripe, the brown seed pods extend outward from the stalk and look like a bird's foot. **Birdsfoot Trefoil** is used along roadsides to control wind and water erosion. It can also be used for cover cropping, green chop, hay, and pasture.

### PLANTING TIPS

- ◆ Plant the seed around 1/4 to 1/2 inch deep for early spring or late summer planting, with orchard grass, timothy, meadow foxtail, or tall fescue
- ◆ Plant the seed 1/2 inch deep if planting in the late summer or in sandy soils
- ◆ For optimal results, it is important to inoculate the seed
- ◆ Delay spring grazing until plants are at least 8 inches tall
- ◆ Hay harvest should leave 4 to 6 inches of stubble to ensure good regrowth

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### BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL CHARACTERISTICS

Botanical Name	Lotus corniculatus
Typical Seeds / lb	349,000
Life Cycle	Perennial
Environment	Full Sun-Partial Sun
Bloom Period	May-September
Flower Color	Yellow
Seeding Rate	5 lbs/ acre



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