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NATIVE PLANT FOOD

Paton's NATIVE PLANT FOOD is a low-phosphorous organically based blend especially formulated for the requirements of a wide range of native plants. It contains a complete range of essential nutrients and may be used with confidence in fertilizing the majority of Australian plants, including many of those which exhibit sensitivity to phosphorous.

Recommendations:

Suitable for a wide range of Australian native plants including banksias, bottlebrush, grevilleas, Waratahs, gums, figs and some other phosphorous sensitive plants such as proteas.

Apply late winter to early spring, again in mid-summer, with a light follow up application in mid-August, or more frequently as required.

Clay soils: 75 - 100 gm / m².

Sandy soils: will require lesser amounts, 50 gm / m² but more often applied. Suggested frequency for sandy soil is late July to mid-August, mid-October, mid-December and mid-March. Always water in well after application.

Containers: We would recommend the use of a controlled release fertilizer such as Paton's Multicote Green for native plants grown in containers. 5 gm is sufficient for fertilizing small plants in 200 mm containers.

Precautions:

Do not exceed recommended dosage rates, as excessive fertilizer use is harmful to both your plants and their environment. Some plants are extremely sensitive to phosphorous. Plants such as eriostemon, crowea and some of the Grevilleas may react badly to any phosphorous at all. If in doubt, consult your local nursery for advice prior to fertilizing.

Important Things to Remember:

- Always water fertilizer in well, immediately after application. Watering should involve a thorough saturation of the area.
- Avoid direct contact with plant roots, seeds, etc.
- Always reseal bags after use and dispose of empty containers properly.
- Apply sparingly on potted plants as excessive fertilizer can cause burning relatively easily.
- It is much safer to apply small amounts on a regular basis.

FEATURES & BENEFITS

Low Phosphorous Ideal for phosphorous sensitive plants
Organic Component Gives sustained release of Nitrogen.

PRODUCT ANALYSIS

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| Nitrogen as ammonium | 7.4 % |
| Nitrogen as organic | 1.9 % |
| Total Nitrogen (N) as ammonium | 9.2 % |
| Phosphorous as water soluble | 1.1 % |
| Phosphorous as citrate soluble | 0.8 % |
| Phosphorous as citrate insoluble | 0.4 % |
| Total Phosphorous (P) | 2.2 % |
| Total Potassium (K) as sulphate | 5.8 % |
| Sulphur as sulphates | 13.8 % |
| Magnesium as carbonate | 0.2 % |
| Calcium as carbonate | 4.5 % |
| Copper as oxy-sulphate | 0.05 % |
| Zinc as oxy-sulphate | 0.05 % |
| Manganese as oxy-sulphate | 0.05 % |
| Iron as oxy-sulphate | 0.50 % |
| Boron as sodium borate | 0.02 % |
| Molybdenum as sodium molybdate | 0.001 % |