

BAUDER FLORA 3 SEED MIX

General / BioSOLAR

The Bauder Flora 3 Seed Mix is a blend of seed, tackifier and additives developed to maximise diversity of vegetation on green roofs. Bauder Flora 3 has all the components required to improve the germination and the successful establishment of vegetation for a variety of rooftop conditions: light and shade; exposed and sheltered. The varied mix of species

is designed to deliver the British native, biodiverse species required for BREEAM compliance.

Bauder Flora 3 contains a broad range of wildflowers chosen to give an extended flowering season providing nectar and pollen rich habitat for priority pollinators, larval food plants for butterflies and seed sources for birds.



Mix Details:

- **UK Native British Provenance Seed Mix**
(certification on request)
- **49 Species**
 - 31 species of which eight are annuals
 - 8 Grasses/Sedge
 - 2 Sedum species
- **35 of the wildflowers are classed as RHS Perfect for Pollinators**
- 12 Butterfly and moth larval food plants.
- Shade tolerant species.
- Low growing to medium height.
- **Mix percentages; 65% perennial wildflowers, 20% annuals & 15% grasses.**



Ecological Value

This Flora 3 plant mix has a high ecological value providing a long flowering period and nectar sources for a wide variety of pollinators. Plants with long flower tubes such as Wild Red Clover and Vetch species will provide valuable nectar sources for Long-tongued Bumblebee species including the priority species Brown-banded Carder Bee.

Bird's-foot Trefoil and Kidney Vetch make up 20% of the mix, which are important larval food plants for ten butterfly and moth species, including common and small blue priority species. Plant seed heads provide refuge and overwintering sites for invertebrates and our mix includes Black Knapweed and Common Toadflax, which provide valuable seed sources for birds.

The yellow composite flowers such as Rough Hawkbit and Mousear Hawkweed in this mix provide good nectar sources for generalist pollinators including hoverflies and beetles. The mix also contains native and or naturalised sedums that will provide evergreen ground cover in sunny areas and can support specialist invertebrates such as the notable bug species *Chlamydatus evanescens*.

Key Specification Features

- Very broad spectrum of species ensuring a broad diversity of created habitats.
- Lengthy flowering season – April to October.
- High number of annuals to give excellent colour in first year.
- Shade tolerant species to give coverage in less sunny locations.
- Low growing plants with good wind tolerance suited to exposed locations.
- Ideal mix for BioSOLAR installations establishing quickly to provide substrate stabilisation.
- Designed to deliver British native, biodiverse species required for BREEAM compliance.

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Establishment and Growth

Typically the mix will produce flowers from April to October starting with species Wild Strawberry and Cowslip, through the summer with Yarrow and Black Knapweed with Lady's Bedstraw flowering later into the autumn. The annuals, biennials and grasses will provide cover and colour in the first season allowing time for the slower growing perennials to establish in later years. The mix has been specified to be drought tolerant with sedum species and low growing perennials.

BioSOLAR

Plants are chosen that do not exceed 40 cm in height to avoid problems with shading of solar panels when the vegetation is used in conjunction with Bauder BioSOLAR. Shade tolerant ground cover plants were specified that will occupy semi-shade microclimates under the panels.

Green roofs are exposed environments subject to wind erosion therefore the mix contains pioneer and ephemeral species such as annuals, biennials and short perennials, which establish quickly from seed and help to stabilise the substrate and prevent wind erosion prior to perennial root systems getting established. A small percentage (typically <15%) of the mix contains non-aggressive grass and sedge species, which will also help to establish and stabilise the substrate.

The seed source is British Provenance (with the exception of sedum species) and suppliers of the mix adopt the Flora Locale Code of Practice for collectors, growers and suppliers of native flora.



(Flora locale is an independent charity. Promoting and advancing the conservation and enhancement of native wild plant populations)

Bauder's Unique Additive Mix

Establishing seed at roof level is difficult, to maximise the germination and establishment of the diverse range of seed used, Bauder has developed a unique blend of seed adhesive, organic nutrients and mycorrhizal fungi to encourage water and nutrient uptake by the developing seedlings.

- The seed mix and additives are combined with a bulking agent which enable the correct sowing rate to be achieved, the adhesive binds the seed to the substrate preventing it from being blown away in windy conditions or washed deep into the substrate and failing to germinate.
- A small quantity of organic slow release fertiliser gives the seed a gentle boost as it establishes. Mycorrhizal fung increases the root surface area helping the transfer of water and nutrients from the substrate to the developing root system of the plant, enabling the plants to establish quickly.



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