



# Popany

## Purple Vetch

*Vicia benghalensis*

450mm-  
600mm+

5.0-8.0

Most Soil  
Types

Group E

### Key Features

- Late maturing variety
- Suitable for grazing hay or green manuring
- Soft seeded
- Mostly grown as a mixture with cereals
- Offers good forage production

### Description

Popany Purple Vetch (*Vicia benghalensis*) demonstrates late maturity along with a semi erect to erect growth habit. Mature plants form a dense canopy providing strong weed competition. Popany is well suited to a range of soil types, but has a preference for loam to clay loams. It has low levels of hard seed that makes it well suited to short term cropping rotations whilst also providing the added benefits of being a highly efficient and effective soil nitrogen producer. It is suited for hay, grazing or silage production and is ideal as a break crop when turned in as green manure, Popany will improve soil health.

### Disease Resistance/Tolerance

Popany has demonstrated a high level of resistance to Chocolate Spot (*Botrytis spp.*) and Rust (*Uromyces trifolli-repentis*) but is susceptible to Downy Mildew (*Peronospora viciae*).

### Pest Resistance

Popany can be susceptible to Red Legged Earth Mites (*Halotydeus destructor*), Native Bud Worm (*Helicoverpa punctigera*) and Cowpea Aphid (*Aphis craccivora*).

### Variety Management/Agronomy

Popany is a soft seeded variety that has between 10-15% hard seed levels. This is advantageous for use in cereal rotations to reduce levels of contamination in following years.

**Grazing:** Vetch is not suited to close grazing as their growing points are above ground level. However in longer season environments, Popany can be grazed successfully provided that it is only light and that the growing points are not damaged. Heavy grazing will cause significant damage to the plant and it may not recover.

### Sowing Rate

Recommended sowing rate for Popany purple vetch is 20 - 40 kg/ha.

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