

color when established in warm season lawns. All overseeded plots were no lower than 6 (9 is best) on the color scale and much better than the zoysia and bermudagrass control plots in terms of appearance.

Early planting (mid-September) provided superior density and color ratings in many cases when compared to the mid-October seedings. Bermudagrass, in general, seemed to be more responsive than zoysia-grass to overseeding of cool season species. Early seeded bermudagrass plots were nearly free of winter or cool season weeds, whereas the later overseeding did experience some cool season weed infestation.

Overseeding of warm season lawns with cool season blends consisting of perennial ryegrass, tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass provided an inexpensive, low maintenance green lawn throughout the winter months in Northwest Arkansas. This process may be worthwhile for warm season lawns throughout the "transition zone."

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