

# Variety Description

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## BALO

Species	Lacy phacelia
Botanical name	Phacelia tanacetifolia
Ploidy	2
Seeding rate	10–16 kg/ha
Distance between rows	as cereals
Sowing period	June to September
Sowing depth	2 cm



### Agronomic figures\*:

Development after sowing	5
Inclination to flower	5
Tendency to lodging	5



### Clarification of figures\*:

1: very early, very low / 5: medium / 9: very late, very high

\* **Source:** Bundessortenamt [Federal Plant Variety Office] 2016, state variety tests

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BALO is often sown as bee pasture. It is considered an extremely high-yielding honey plant, whose nectar value compares to that of rapeseed or buckwheat. During summer months, blooming BALO fields are visited by a large number of bees, bumblebees and other insects. If conditions are good, bees can produce up to 1 litre of honey per year from a 20 m<sup>2</sup> cultivated area. BALO is also extremely suitable as green manure.

### Most important characteristics

Crop rotation-neutral  
Nematode-neutral  
Ideal bee pasture  
Nectar-rich  
Beautiful blue coloured flowers

### Usage

Optimum soil condition  
Leaves behind an extremely finely crumbled seedbed  
Winterkilled

