**Birdsfoot Trefoil**

*Lotus corniculatus*

**Description**
Short-lived perennial legume.

**Uses**
Pasture.

**Advantages**
Palatable, non-bloating legume. Tolerant of low fertility and pH. Excellent for mine reclamation.

**Disadvantages**
Plants subject to crown rot and must be allowed to reseed each year to persist. Low seedling vigor compared to other legumes. Slow to establish in existing sod.

**Seeding**
Rate: 6-12 lb/a
Depth: ¼-½ in
Date: Mar 1-Apr 15

**Harvest**
First harvest: May 1-May 15
Annual yield: 1-3 tons/dry matter/a

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Birdsfoot trefoil has a bright yellow flower and seed pods that are arranged in the shape of a bird’s foot.

Leaf consists of five leaflets, with lower pair smaller than upper three pairs. Leaflets have a triangular shape and have very prominent stipules (leaflike structures) on the lower stem.