



Little Bluestem

Schizachyrium scoparium



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Unique Characteristics

A colorful native prairie grass with striking blue-green foliage and pink overtones. In the fall, its foliage takes on a coppery hue. It works well in areas prone to deer damage. Attracts both birds and butterflies.

Plant Type:	Ornamental grass
Native Range:	All states of the U.S., except Nevada and Washington
Sun:	Full sun
Water:	Dry to medium
Soil:	Tolerates a wide range of soil conditions
pH:	5.8 to 6.8
Height:	2 to 4 feet
Spread:	1.5 to 2 feet Grows in dense clumps or clusters
Wildlife:	One of the best grasses for roosting and nesting habitat. Seeds are used by small mammals and birds.
Hardiness Zones:	3 to 9
Bloom Time:	August
Bloom Color:	Purplish-bronze flowers
Seeds:	Attractive, fluffy, silvery-white seed heads persist into winter
Uses:	Rain garden, winter interest, borders, prairie restoration
Tolerates:	Deer, drought, high heat and humidity, dry soil, clay soil

