Prairie Dropseed
*Sporobolus heterolepis*

**Unique Characteristics**

This ornamental clump-forming grass provides winter interest with orange hues in fall. It tolerates a wide range of soils including heavy clay.

- **Plant Type:** Ornamental Grass
- **Native Range:** North America
- **Sun:** Full sun
- **Water:** Dry to medium; good drought tolerance
- **Soil:** Tolerates a wide range of soils including heavy clays. Prefers dry rocky soils.
- **pH:** 6-7.2
- **Height:** 2-3 feet
- **Spread:** 2-3 feet
- **Wildlife:** Attracts birds
- **Hardiness Zones:** 3-9
- **Bloom Time:** August to October
- **Bloom Color:** Pink and brown-tinted; good fall color
- **Uses:** Good drought tolerance. Ground cover for hot, dry areas. Also effective in large rock gardens. Accent for foundation plantings or borders. Not favored by deer. It is a good addition to rain gardens and aids in erosion control.

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