



Prairie Dropseed

Sporobolus heterolepis



Photos courtesy of Bill Hendricks

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.

