

Little Bluestem

Schizachyrium scoparium



Light:	Full Sun, Partial Sun
Soil:	Clay-Loam, Sand
Moisture:	Medium, Medium-Dry, Dry
Benefits:	Birds, Host Plant, Deer Resistant
Height:	2' to 3'
Blooms:	Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct
Zones:	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Color:	Green, Blue, Red
Spacing:	1'
Root:	Fibrous

One of the best ornamental native grasses, Little Bluestem has an upright aspect and very attractive blue-green foliage that forms a great matrix around the taller flowering plants in the native garden, such as Purple Coneflower. In some areas it reseeds readily and can be aggressive, but in the Keweenaw it seems better behaved. It prefers full sun and insists on well-drained soil. Planted en masse, Little Bluestem is especially lovely in the fall, when its burgundy-red leaves are topped with pale, cream-colored seed heads that wave in the breeze.