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# Schizachyrium scoparium

## Little Bluestem



A wonderful grass -- very tough, adaptable and beautiful. Great for dry sites, with good drought tolerance. Forms clumps of thin, blue-green, or sometimes purplish foliage, and turns a brilliant coppery-red in the fall. Seedheads are fluffy and white. Easy to find commercially; there are several forms selected for their outstanding color. Formerly called *Andropogon scoparius*.

**Suggested companions:** Other prairie grasses and prairie flowers such as butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), goldenrods (*Solidago* sp), and wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*).

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Plant Type: Grass/Grasslike

Size: 2-4' H  
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Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Open field/ Prairie  
Woodland Margin

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Sandy/ Gravelly

Exposure:

Flower Color:

Bloom Time:

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Butterfly attracting  
Wildlife attracting  
Fall color  
Winter interest  
Deer resistant