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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