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LITTLE BLUESTEM

Schizachyrium scoparium

Heat and drought tolerant, this wonderful native provides year-round interest with blue-green foliage in the summer, followed by orangish-burgundy fall color. The silvery-white seed tufts persist into winter. Upright, clump-forming and care free!

Growing Information

Sunlight	Full sun
Soil Type	Tolerates a wide range of soil conditions; performs well in poor soils
Height	2-4'
Deer resistant	
Flowering calendar	August through the winter

Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves	Larval host plant to 4 species of butterflies and moths, as well as grasshoppers, leaf-mining beetles, and leafhoppers.
Flowers	No
Fruit	No
Seeds	Eaten by songbirds
Host to 4 caterpillar species: (common names) Crossline Skipper; Leonard's Skipper; Indian Skipper; Stereomita andropogonis	

Benefits for People

- Cut to the ground in spring before the new growth emerges
- Great as an addition to cut-flower arrangements

Natural Habitat

- Open woods and fields

