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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.

## Benefits for Wildlife

- Food plant for grasshoppers, leaf-mining beetles, and leafhoppers
- Seeds are eaten by songbirds
- Clumping habit makes for great nesting and roosting sites

Host to 4 caterpillar species:  
Crossline Skipper; Leonard's Skipper; Indian Skipper; Stereomita andropogonis

## Benefits for People

- Excellent for erosion control
- Year-round color interest
- Deer resistant

## Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Full sun
<i>Soil Type</i>	Tolerates wide range, does well in poor soils
<i>Height</i>	2-4'
<i>Width</i>	1-2'
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	August to November

## Natural Habitat

- Open woods and fields

