



ANDROPOGON SCOPARIUS (SCHIZACHYRIUM SCOPARIUM) LITTLE BLUESTEM

Widespread across North America, Little bluestem's range extends up to 10,000 foot elevations. Native stands of little bluestem show great variability in growth forms and appearance. Plants range in height from 2 to 4 feet tall, and foliage color varies from green to blue. Dormant foliage can also vary in color, from tan to rusty red. Blue-leaved plants are more likely to develop reddish winter color. Little bluestem tends to have a very upright form, and fine-textured foliage. The flower spikes are not particularly showy, but develop into seed heads that are striking when backlit by the sun. This clump grass is very adaptable, tolerating temperatures down to -30° F as well as hot summers, and thriving in alkaline or acid soils. However, it does not perform well in soils with excessive moisture or nutrients. Mix it into a meadow planting with wildflowers and grama grasses, or in other full sun exposures. USDA Zone 4.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	2-4 feet x 1-2 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Pink
FLOWER SEASON	Fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Moderate
HARDINESS	-30° F, USDA Zone 4
PRUNING	Cut back in winter



GRASS