## Prairie Blues Little Bluestem



This prairie grass occupies a wide range in North America. It is an excellent choice for native, wild, or meadow plantings, as well as for adding structure and texture to borders and formal situations.



## Schizachyrium scoparium 'Prairie Blues'

- <u>Use:</u> Little bluestem is a low maintenance, droughttolerant North American native grass that can be enjoyed virtually all year. Attracts butterflies, host plant for many skippers. Provides nest sites, cover and food for birds.
- <u>Exposure/Soil</u>: Prefers full sun and well drained soil with minimal water applications.
- Growth: Grows to 3' tall and 1-3' wide.
- *Hardiness:* Zones 3-10, perennial
- Foliage: Deciduous; Grown for its foliage that is more consistently gray blue in color when compared to the species. In fall it has fluffy silver seed heads that may persist into winter and rosy orange foliage
- <u>Flower:</u> Purplish-bronze flowers appear in 3" long racemes rising above the foliage in August. Fluffy silver seed heads appear in late summer and last well into fall.