



Schizachyrium scoparium

little bluestem



Light Requirements: **sun, part-sun**

Soil Moisture: **dry, moist**

Soil Description: **average, poor, sand, gravel/rock**

Height: **2'-4'**

Recommended Spacing: **16"-24"**

Bloom Time: **June, July, August, September**

Bloom Color: **yellow, green**

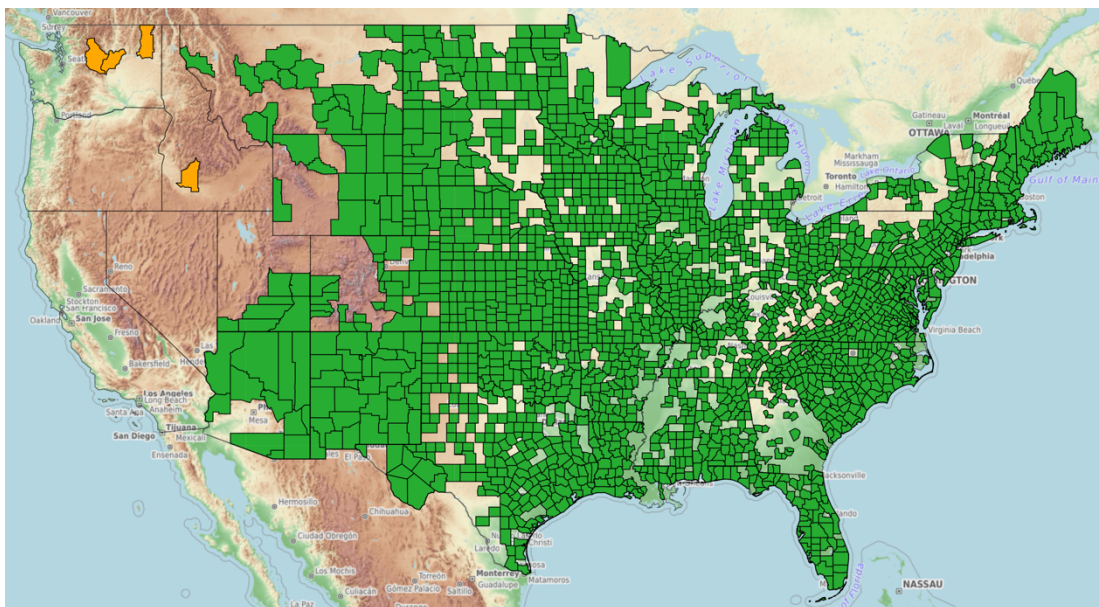
Hardiness Zone: **3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10**

Additional Tags: **colonizing, drought tolerant, fall interest, food for birds, ornamental foliage, pollinator favorite, rock garden plant, winter interest**

Little bluestem has been getting a lot of attention from gardeners, and rightfully so. It is ornamental, provides a nice vertical accent, is non-aggressive, and a favored plant for establishing a matrix .

It develops its distinctive blue color during summer, then turns shades of orange and crimson as the weather cools, and provides good visual interest throughout winter. Don't cut it back until mid-spring because it also provides winter shelter for our native bees and bumblebees.

It is very easy to grow, low maintenance, highly adaptable, and thrives in poor, dry soil in full sun. The only conditions it will not tolerate are shade and poorly-drained, wet soil.



Map of Native Range Color Key:

- Present
- Rare
- Extirpated
- Noxious
- Adventive