New Native Grass

Looking for a Low Maintenance Plant for Your Garden?

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Little bluestem is an easy to grow native grass with attractive fall color; a new form *Schizachyrium scoparium* ‘MinnBlueA’ Blue Heaven™ is red in the fall.

A new form of little bluestem, an ornamental and native grass, is available at many garden centers in 2011. The trademark name, Blue Heaven™ refers to the summer foliage color. Selected after several years of evaluation at the University of Minnesota, Blue Heaven™ is a great plant for dry, sunny locations. Blue Heaven™ is a long lived easy to grow grass and combines well with other perennials. It grows just over 4 feet in height and stands up well through the summer and does not fall over like some grasses. The blue summer foliage changes to dark burgundy and then red in the fall. Hardy through the US, including zone 4, central Minnesota and Maine, Blue Heaven™ is a good choice for sustainable gardens, because it requires little water after establishment and provides cover for birds and other wildlife. Plants need little care, other than cutting back in the spring.
Blue Heaven™ little bluestem combines well with many perennials such as lavender, shown here in the foreground.
Blue Heaven™ grows to just over 4 feet in height and prefers dry sunny sites.
Summer color of Blue Heaven™ is an attractive blue.