



Grasses & Sedges

2023 Native Plant Sale

Prairie Oval Sedge

Carex bicknellii

Communities: Dry Prairie, Mesic Prairie

Sun: sun

Height: 1-3 ft.

Flower Season: May

Notes: Grows in a variety of soils. Forms clumps. Wispy foliage. Tolerates fire, drought and some shade. Foliage may go dormant in mid-summer. Also known as Copper-Shouldered Oval Sedge for the copper-colored seed heads.



Straight-Styled Wood Sedge

Carex radiata

Communities: Wet Mesic Woods,
Mesic Woods

Sun: shade

Height: 1 ft.

Flower Season: April - May

Notes: Can be used as clumping
ground cover or border.



Fox Sedge

Carex vulpinoidea

Communities: Bioretention, Sedge Meadow, Wet Mesic Prairie

Sun: part sun to sun

Height: 2 – 3 ft.

Flower Season: May - June

Notes: Grows well in a variety of conditions, including clay soils and wet sites. Forms clumps 2 – 3 feet wide. Can spread to form colonies.



Northern Sea Oats

Chasmanthium latifolium

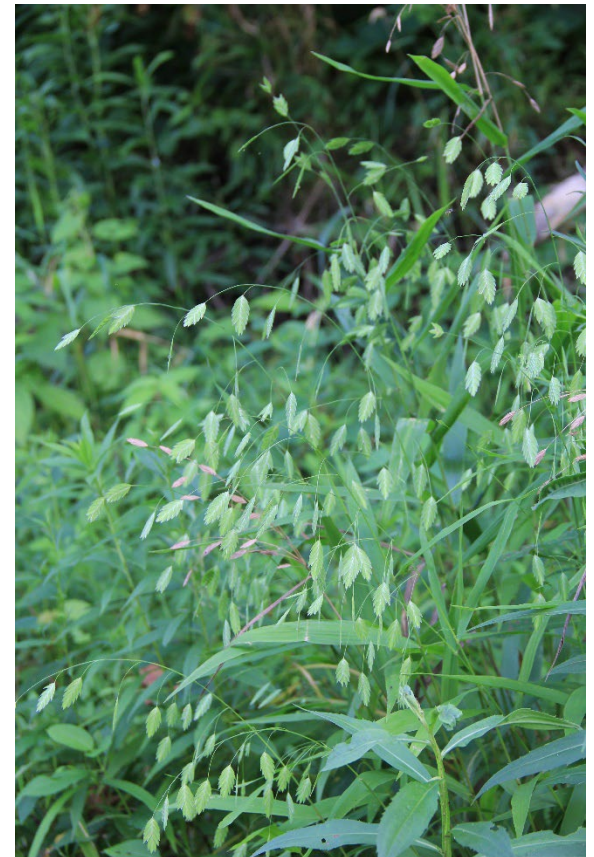
Communities: Mesic Woods

Sun: part sun to shade

Height: 2 – 4 ft.

Flower Season: July - August

Notes: Reseeds easily and can spread quickly in ideal conditions. Dried seed heads are good for arrangements.



Bottlebrush Grass

Elymus hystrix

Communities: Mesic to Dry Woods

Sun: part sun to shade

Height: 3-5 ft.

Flower Season: June - August

Notes: Cool season grass with attractive seed head shaped like a bottle brush. Prefers dappled shade but will tolerate denser shade. Tolerant of Black Walnut. Reseeds, but doesn't spread aggressively. Great accent plant for woodland garden.



Little Bluestem

Schizachyrium scoparium

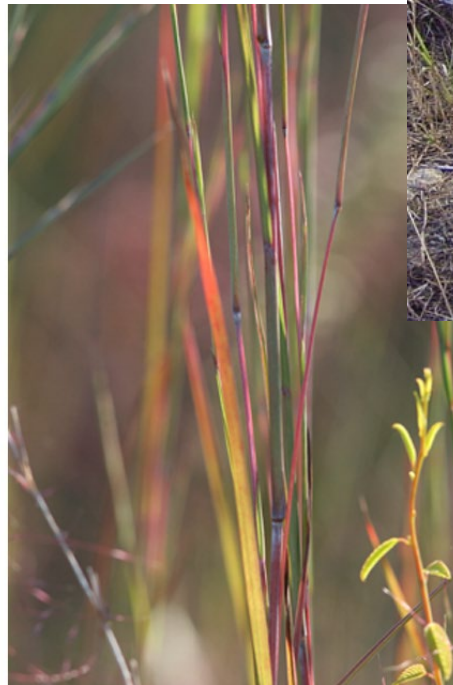
Communities: Bioretention, Dry Prairie, Dry Savanna, Mesic Prairie, Mesic Savanna

Sun: sun

Height: 2 - 3 ft.

Flower Season: Aug - Sep

Notes: Tolerates a variety of conditions. Bronze-orange fall color. Larval host for several species of skipper butterflies.



Indian Grass

Sorghastrum nutans

Communities: Dry Prairie, Mesic Prairie

Sun: Sun

Height: 4 - 6 ft

Flower Season: Aug - Sept

Notes: Vigorous bunch grass that tolerates a variety of soils. Bluish-green foliage that turns orange-yellow in fall. Golden brown seedhead. Can be used as native substitute for ornamental grasses, like *Miscanthus*.



Prairie Dropseed

Sporobolus heterolepis

Communities: Bioretention, Dry
Prairie, Mesic Prairie

Sun: sun

Height: 1 – 3 ft.

Flower Season: Jul - Sep

Notes: Drought tolerant. Slow to
establish. Fall color is tan/bronze.

