

Sporobolus heterolepis

Common Name: Northern Dropseed

The showiest prairie grass for gardens, Prairie Dropseed's magnificent fountain of fine textured, emerald-green leaves adds a touch of elegance to any planting. Considered by many to be the most handsome of the prairie grasses, it makes a well-defined and distinctive border when planted 18 to 24 inches apart. Plains Indians ground the seed to make a tasty flour. Plant seed in fall or early spring for best results. The graceful wave of the blades and the airy seed heads that have that incredible sweet scent. Grows best in moist mesic to mesic soils. In the fall the color will range from a clear yellow to a deep russet orange.



Plant Details:

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Soil Type:

Dry Mesic, Mesic, Moist

Exposure:

Full Sun, Partial Shade

Bloom Period:

Summer

General Information:

Mature Height: 2 Feet

Mature Width: 24 Inches

Flower Color: Green White

Fall Color: Russet

Orange

Yellow