Little Bluestem gives a brilliant landscape performance. Tight, erect, spiky bluish-green stems and leaves transition to a sizzling fall display of oranges, reds, yellows and purplish-browns topped by fluffy seed heads that persist into winter.

**Characteristics**
- Height: 1½–4 feet
- Spread: 1½–2 feet
- Bloom time: August-October
- Bloom color: Purplish-bronze

**Attributes**
- Bunched, ornamental perennial grass
- Slender, often folded, light blue or green leaves alternate on erect, red-brown or tan stems
- Purplish-bronze flowers appear in 3-inch long racemes on branched stems
- Bronze to rust fall color and fluffy, silvery-white seed heads persists through winter
- Attracts birds to its seeds, especially in winter; larval host for Cobweb, Crossline, Dusted, Indian, Leonard’s, and Swarthy Skippers; provides wildlife cover

**Growing and Maintenance**
- Soil requirements: Average, well-drained
- Light requirements: Sun
- Water requirements: Dry
- Readily reseeds
- Cut to ground in late winter to early spring

**Native Range**
- One of the most widely distributed native grasses in North America
- Native to prairies, fields, clearings, hills, limestone glades, roadsides, waste areas, and open woods

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