

Sporobolus heterolepis

Prairie Dropseed

 Missouri Botanical Garden Plant of Merit

Perhaps the most ornamental of the native prairie grasses. It grows in a clumping shape with deep green narrow leaves that arch downward. In July, *Sporobolus heterolepis* sends up numerous stalks with delicate, open panicles shooting up over the clump. In fall, foliage turns a coppery orange color, which later fades to cream.

Easily grown in average, dry to medium, well-drained soils in full sun. Tolerates wide range of soils, including heavy clays. Prefers dry, rocky soils. Good drought tolerance.

Common Name

Prairie Dropseed

Zone

Zone 4

Mature Size

3'H x 3'W

Bloom Time

August to October

Plant Type

Grasses

Flower Color

Pink and Brown Tinted



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