



DOUGLASS KING SEED CO.

Bluestem, Little

(*Andropogon scoparius*)

(*Schizachyrium scoparius*)



A native, warm-season, perennial mid-bunchgrass that grows between 2-4 ft. tall with flattened sheaths. It is a tall, leafy, vigorous, late-maturing plant & a high forage producer. Under favorable conditions, it is a high seed producer. Leaves are bluish-green or green becoming leathery-brown at maturity. Seeds are small and fuzzy with twisted awns. It matures one seed crop per year in late September-early November. Until recently it was grossly underrated by Texas stockmen, but now is considered a highly palatable grass relished by livestock.

Establishment/Management: Plant in spring - March (generally optimum period). However, good stands have resulted from Jan-Feb seeding.

Rows: 1.0-1.5 pls per acre. **Broadcast:** 3.0 pls per acre.

Plant on a firm well-prepared seedbed using grass drill & cover lightly preferably 1/4". For seed production plant in wide rows to permit cultivation and greater stem growth. Plant in sorghum stubble on soils subject to blowing. Good stands result from fall spreading of seed hay. Control weeds in pasture plantings and on ranges where possible. Protect from grazing until stand is well established (generally 1-2 years). On rangeland leave half the annual growth to maintain plant vigor. Due to high palatability, livestock show preference for this grass, therefore it can be destroyed unless grazing is rotated or deferred in a planned proper-use program. Graze in spring, summer, fall and as cured grass in winter along with winter plants and supplemental feeds.

Mow meadows only once each season, as a general rule late July; set mower high to leave high stubble. Combine seed Oct-Nov.

Adaptation/Use: Minimum rainfall requirement generally 20", however found to limit extent on soils having favorable moisture relationship where annual rainfall as low as 14". Not adapted to the pine timber belt. Best on sandy to clay soils.

Used for hay, grazing, seed, and outstanding for range mixtures.





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