

# *Big Bluestem grass*

## *Andropogon gerardii*



An important native prairie grass, Big Bluestem gets its name from the blueish colour of stem bases in the spring. Most striking is its orange-bronze colour in the fall. It bears finger-like seed heads that flower in the summer. Big bluestem is extremely drought-tolerant and is useful for erosion control.

Full sun to partial shade

3-6 ft tall; up to 12ft in favoured sites

Dry to moist sand, loam, clay

✓ Birds, butterflies

