

**Big Bluestem**

**Scientific name:** *Andropogon gerardii*

**Growth habit:** Graminoid

**Duration:** Perennial

**Light preference:** Sun

**Soil preference:** Moist, silt or clay

**Fruit type:** Seed

**Plant associates:** Little bluestem,  
switchgrass,  
Indiangrass



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**Notes: Provides cover, nesting site and/or seeds for Grasshopper, Henslow's and other sparrows, nesting site for Sedge Wren and Western Meadowlark. Cover for at least 24 species of songbirds.**

Native range: Widespread to Western states

