



## Prairie Dropseed

*Sporobolus heterolepis*

### Growing Information

- Plant Type: Grass
- Sunlight: Sun, Part shade
- Soils: Dry, sandy, average
- Bloom Time: Pink and brown tints in June, July, August
- Size: 1-3ft in height; 1-3ft spread

Plant as a groundcover, border, or accent plant in hot and dry sites. It has ornamental fine-textured bunches with fragrant flowers which become delicate seed heads that appear above the tufts of grass in mid-summer. Slow to establish and mature. A native listed as rare in MA. Not indigenous to Cape Cod.

### Garden Companions

Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), Purple Lovegrass (*Eragrostis spectabilis*), Butterfly Milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), Narrowleaf Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*), Slender Goldentop (*Euthamia caroliniana*)

### Nature Benefits

- Larval food plant for Leonard's Skipper, grasshoppers, and leafhoppers.
- Provides nesting materials/structure for native bees and small mammals.
- Seeds eaten by songbirds.

### Natural Habitat

Occurs in dry prairies, fields, and roadsides.