



***Schizachyrium scoparium***  
**Little bluestem**

Family: Poaceae

Blooming season: Summer to Fall

Plant:

Perennial, mature height is 24 to 48 inches, known as a decorative grass because it grows in roundish clumps, bluish-green color.

Leaves:

The plant itself is blades of grass that act as leaves.

Fruit:

Geographic range:

State: Scattered throughout Michigan.  
Regional: Found as far north as British Columbia Canada, to as far south as Puerto Rico. (USDA 2011)

Habitat:

Local: Gardens and dry fields.  
Regional: Moderately dry areas. (USDA 2011)

Common local companions:

Big blue stem grass, speedwell, and yarrow.

Uses:

Gardening, food for wild life, erosion control.

Why is it called that?

*Scoparium* is Latin for broom-like, the common name comes from the look of the plant.  
(Freckmann)

