**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)

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