

Rain Dance Big Bluestem Grass



Andropogon gerardii 'Rain Dance'

- **Use:** The native good looks and adaptability of Big Bluestem get an intense infusion of color with 'Blackhawks'. Dubbed the "monarch of the prairie", this native grass was once the dominant component of the American tallgrass prairie. It adapts easily to a wide range of soil and moisture conditions as long as full sun is provided. This long-lived grass has a variety of uses including screening, naturalizing, restoring prairies, and nesting materials for birds and mammals.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun; Easy to grow in any soil except poorly drained.
- **Growth:** Reaches 6ft tall and 2ft. wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-9, Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Red-tipped foliage, deeper green than the species, turns totally maroon in fall
- **Flower:** Flowering stems rise in late summer above the foliage clump bearing purplish 3-parted, finger-like flower clusters (to 4" long) purportedly resembling turkey feet (hence the additional common name of turkeyfoot grass for this species). Flowering stems bring total height of this grass to 8' tall (typically at the taller end in moist soils and the shorter end in dry soils).



A native grass selected for its stature and beautiful seasonal foliage display, this big bluestem is sure to make a powerful statement in fall as a stunning backdrop in a border or massed in a prairie garden.

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