# Schizachyrium (Little Bluestem)

# **30ct LF Plug**

Container:

Premium 1 Gallon Pot

Finish:

8-10 weeks

When To Plant:

Summer to late summer for next season

Notes:

Save finished 1 gallon plants to step up into 3-5 gallon containers in the fall. This will yield large plants for the following season.

# 72ct Plug

Container:

Trade 1 Gallon Container

Finish:

10-12 weeks

When To Plant:

Summer to late summer for next season

Notes:

Save finished 1 gallon plants to step up into 3-5 gallon containers in the fall. This will yield large plants for the following season.

# **Growing Temperature:**

68-75° F

EC Level:

1.50-2.0

#### Vernalization:

Provide 10-12 weeks of cold temperatures below 45° F.

#### **Pests and Diseases:**

Primary pests are aphids and spider mites.

Avoid wet conditions as this can lead to root and crown rot.

#### Moisture:

Slightly moist, allowing to dry slightly between waterings once established.

#### **Planting Level:**

Plant in a well-drained soil with the top of plug at the soil line.

## Soil pH:

5.8-6.5

## Fertility:

Avoid overfeeding Schizachyrium as it causes floppy growth. They are native grasses that do not require a large amount of fertility. Feed lightly at 50-75 ppm as needed.

For Controlled Release or Slow Release Fertilizer, see your preferred supplier for recommended rates for incorporation or top dressing, as it varies by fertilizer.

#### **Potting and Timing:**

Plant during warm summer temperatures for best bulking results. Avoid spring planting as these warm season grasses grow best during warm temperatures and long days.

### Lighting:

Provide high light levels. Direct sun will promote the best foliage color and habit.

#### **Grower Tips:**

Warm season grasses such as Schizachyrium are best grown in summer of the year prior to sales for best results.



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