



Silyrinchium angustifolium Blue Eyed Grass

This dainty little clumper will delight you as the season changes from spring to summer. The blades of grass look like mini iris fronds. In fact, it's not really a grass at all, but a member of the iris family. Plant it in full sun or part shade, as an accent plant in the front of your border, in a rock garden, a container, or in large swaths. It never gets taller than 8" to 10" or so. Its burst of bloom in late spring may be followed by sporadic bloom through the summer. If not, the green fronds are attractive and neat.

How to Help Pollinators: Plant Milkweed

Adding milkweed to your garden provides food for monarch butterfly caterpillars. Monarchs and other butterflies are more than just a pretty garden adornment: they provide important pollination services. Adult butterflies will sip nectar from most blooming flowers. Choose late summer bloomers such as asters, cone flowers and goldenrods, to provide needed energy to adults heading south to overwintering sites in Mexico.

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