



*Panicum virgatum*

## Switchgrass

- **Native plant:** Perennial found throughout Oklahoma.
- **Pollinators:** Larval host for skipper butterflies.
- **Bloom period:** Oklahoma: August-October
- **Exposure/soil:** Full sun. Dry to moist soils; a range of soil types.
- **Environment/range:** Grasslands.
- **Landscape:** New varieties selected for use as a bunchgrass.
- **Propagation:** Seed, potted plants of named varieties.

**IMPRESSIONS:** *Drought tolerant. Planted in Kerr Center landscape as a bunchgrass. I would be very careful deciding to use this grass in a mixed native prairie restoration. While easy to establish compared to other native warm season grasses, it can dominate a planting and suppress native wildflowers. In native seed mixes used at the Kerr Center, switchgrass is included at less than 3% of the seed mix. So far, it has worked well in the landscape. Switchgrass is being researched as a potential perennial biofuel source.*



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