



Big Bluestem

Often called *turkey foot* because of its spiky seed head that looks like a bird's foot, Big Bluestem generally reaches a height of four to eight feet.

While green through much of the growing season, its stem will turn a bluish-purple in late summer.

It is the star component of the "Big Four" native grass species that characterize the tallgrass prairies of central North America. The others are Indiangrass, Switchgrass, and Little Bluestem.

Caption: Big Bluestem
Andropogon gerardii

For more information:

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=g720>

<http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/grasses/plants/bigblue.htm>

https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=ANGE