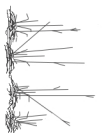

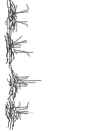









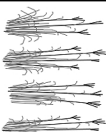
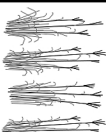
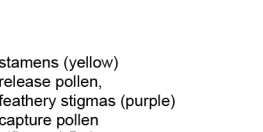
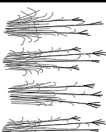









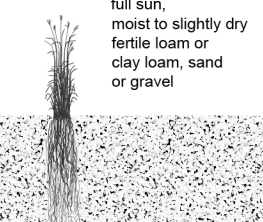

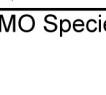
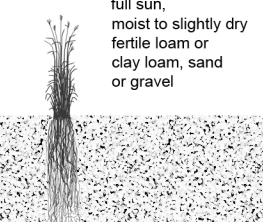
	<h1>Big Bluestem</h1> <h2><i>Andropogon gerardii</i></h2> <p>Plantae - Angiosperms - Monocots - Poales - Poaceae</p>	<p>Grow Native - www.grownative.org/plants/info.asp?id=46 Wikipedia - en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andropogon_gerardii USDA - plants.usda.gov/plantguide/pdf/pg-ange.pdf</p>	
		<p>Coloring Guide leaves and stems gray-green to bluish with purple patches, especially around nodes reddish after the first frost</p>	
		<p>Size above ground: flower stalks up to 9 ft (3 m), below ground: roots about as long as plant is tall, spread 2 to 3 ft (0.6 to 1 m), racemes up to 6" (2.4 cm)</p>	
		<p>Other Characteristics MO state grass, nicknamed "icecream grass" because bison and cattle like it so much (due to low silica content), potential biofuel candidate, common name "turkey foot" comes from 2-6 seed heads (racemes) at top of flower stalk looking like a turkey foot.</p>	
		<p>What eats Big Bluestem bison, cattle, prairie and meadow voles, skipper butterflies, thrips, grasshoppers, leafhoppers, seeds eaten by sparrows, roots consumed by fungi, nematodes and soil arthropods</p>	
		<p>What Plants need: sunlight carbon dioxide from the air, water and minerals (N, P, K and others) from the soil</p>	
		<p>What Plants need: H₂O+CO₂ → sunlight → C₆H₁₂O₆ +6O₂ ↑ leaves ↑ air ↑ roots ↑ soil</p>	<p>sunlight → C₆H₁₂O₆ +6O₂ → air → trunk, branches → roots, flowers, fruits & seeds</p>
		<p>What Plants need: full sun, moist to slightly dry fertile loam or clay loam, sand or gravel</p>	
		<p>Habitat (home/food/water) prairies, savannas, open woods, glades, along railroad tracks</p>	
		<p>North America Distribution Map</p> 	
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