# **Blue-eyed Grass**

## W-SIBE-0.25-LB

## Sisyrinchium bellum

**What Is The? ( Seo Description 100-200 Words):** Blue-eyed Grass (Sisyrinchium bellum) is a charming perennial wildflower—actually an iris relative—with clumps of narrow leaves 6–12 inches tall. In spring it produces abundant star-shaped violet-blue flowers with a bright yellow center. It thrives in sun to partial shade and prefers moist winter/spring soil that dries in summer, when it goes semi-dormant. It naturalizes beautifully by short rhizomes and self-seeding, forming larger patches over time without becoming aggressive. Perfect for meadow plantings, rain garden edges, or mixed native borders; generally deer-resistant and attractive to native bees.

## **Growing Conditions**

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| **Sun Requirements (full Sun, Full Sun To Partial Shade, Shade)** | Full Sun to Partial Shade |
| **Soil Preference** | Clay-loam or well-drained soils with winter/spring moisture; dry in summer |
| **Soil Ph** | Slightly acidic to neutral |
| **Days To Maturity** | Perennial; blooms by second spring from seed |
| **Height When Mature** | 6–18 inches |
| **Seeding Rate** | 8–10 lbs per acre (direct seeding in meadow mixes) |
| **Planting Depth** | Surface to 1/8 inch (needs light) |

### Delicate Spring Beauty

Dainty blue-purple flowers add soft color each spring.

### Native Meadow Friendly

Slowly spreads to form attractive clumps without aggression.

### Low Maintenance

Minimal care—bloom, seed, then summer dormancy.

### Wildlife Value

Attracts native bees; generally deer-resistant.

### Versatile in the Garden

Works in meadows, rain gardens, rock gardens, and light shade.

## **Plant Characteristics**

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| **Sun / Shade** | Full Sun to Partial Shade |
| **Height When Mature** | 6–18 inches |
| **Seeding Rate** | 8–10 lbs/acre |
| **Uses** | Meadow plantings, lawn alternatives, pond edges, rock gardens, open woodlands |
| **Color** | Violet-blue flowers with golden center; grass-like foliage |
| **Water** | Low to Moderate—enjoys spring moisture; dry summer dormancy |
| **Native / Introduced** | Native to Western North America |
| **Life Form** | Perennial herb (iris family) |