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Northern Blue-eyed Grass *Sisyrinchium angustifolium*

- 12 inches tall, native to NJ and eastern North America
- Perennial, goes dormant in winter
- Tiny iris cousin, small blue flowers, May – July
- Average to moist soil, sun to part shade
- Nectar and pollen source for bumblebees and other native bees
- Deer resistant, makes a good ground cover between other plants
- Self-seeds, but does not spread aggressively
- Easy from seed or division
- Collect dry, tan seed capsules June – August
- Crush capsules, release seeds, sow immediately to retain viability
- Sow on moist soil surface, outside in summer/fall, or inside in pots
- Treat seeds 9 weeks moist at 40°F, outside in winter or inside in pots, to break dormancy
- Move to 70°F with light indoors, or leave outdoors to germinate