

# Sand Dropseed

*Sporobolus cryptandrus*

-This plant is a clump-forming grass. It grows to heights of 2-4 feet tall in dry sandy soils. It is a more common grass of the prairie regions of Wisconsin, but it can adapt to growing on shoreland environments that are dry.

-Sand Dropseed blooms in August and September, and grows best in sand or loam.

-Sand Dropseed is shade intolerant: therefore you have to plant it in areas where it will receive a lot of sunlight.

-I know what you're thinking, "Wagner, you're really pushing it this time! How could any shoreland property owner use this plant?" Well, that's okay. I can take the abuse. Sand Dropseed can be used in situations where the soil next to the water body is very poor and devoid of nutrients and therefore erosion can be a potential problem. If you have a problem like this on your shoreland property I would suggest planting a mixture of Sand Dropseed, Sweet Fern, Wild Lupine, and Dotted Mint.

