



Blue-eyed Grass



Sisyrinchium bellum



ID tips:

- This plant grows in the upland areas above the high tide line, in the **high zone** of the marsh. It grows in clusters that can grow to be one foot tall and 1 1/2 feet wide.
- The leaf blades are light green and grass-like, although they are a little bit stiffer than ordinary grass. In the dry summer months the leaves turn yellow and brown and eventually die back.
- The flowers are 1/2 inch wide and purple with a yellow center. There are six petals, each with a little point on the tip of them. Blue-eyed Grass typically blooms from March-June.

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Song sparrows, house finches and other songbirds eat the seeds of this plant.

These beautiful flowers provide nectar for pollinators like bees and butterflies.



Blue-eyed Grass is not actually a grass!
It is a relative of the Iris—a flowering bulb.



Did you know...

The roots of this plant have been used to make a tea which can help reduce fevers and