



## Eastern Bluestar

*Amsonia tabernaemontana*

### Growing Information

- Plant Type: Perennial
- Sunlight: Full Sun to Partial
- Soils: sandy, clay, loamy
- Bloom Time: Blue flowers in May-June
- Size: 2-3ft tall with 2-3ft spread

Native to southern states and according to GoBotany.NativePlantTrust.org it is found in New England due to garden introduction. A good choice for containers, butterfly gardens, rain garden or naturalized garden. Prefers moist garden conditions, however once established it is drought tolerant. Slow grower, low care. Unpalatable to deer.

### Garden Companions

Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*), False Indigo (*Baptisia australis*), Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)

### Nature Benefits

- Attracts hummingbirds, carpenter bees, hummingbird moths, and butterflies like mourning cloak.
- Larval host for coral hairstreak butterfly.

### Natural Habitat

Naturally occurs meadows, fields, shores of rivers or lakes.