



Characteristics

<p>Exposure</p> <p>Full Sun to Partial Shade</p>	<p>Soil Moisture Preference</p> <p>Moist/Well-Drained, Moist to Dry</p>
<p>Bloom Colors</p> <p>Blue</p>	<p>Juglans nigra Tolerance (Black Walnut)</p> <p>No</p>
<p>Deer resistant</p> <p>Deer Resistant</p>	
<p>Season of Interest (Foliage)</p> <p>Summer, Fall</p>	
<p>Growth Rate</p> <p>Medium</p>	
<p>Lawn Replacement or Groundcover</p> <p>Groundcover Foot-Traffic Tolerances</p> <p>Foliage Color</p> <p>Green</p>	
<p>Species</p> <p>tabernaemontana</p>	
<p>Cultivar</p>	

Montana

### Common Name

Bluestar

### Spacing :

9  
-  
15  
in

### USDA Hardiness Zone

4-9

### Height :

12  
-  
18  
in

### Spread :

9  
-  
12  
in

## Amsonia tabernaemontana v. Montana

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THIS IS A NO ADVANCED ORDER PLANT

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS:** Bluestar boasts a striking growth habit, clean attractive foliage and pale blue starry flowers. Plants develop a handsome compact shrub-like form with dense growth and yellow fall color. Plants are resilient and adaptable to most garden situations. As a bonus, this Bluestar is tough enough to require almost no maintenance in large part due to its small size.

**HABITAT & HARDINESS:** Bluestar is native over a wide range of the Central and Eastern United States from USDA Zone 4 to 9. Habitats are generally moist sunny sites including open woodlands, gravelly seeps, stream banks, limestone glades, moist sandy meadows and wet prairies.

**PLANT DESCRIPTION:** Eastern Bluestar is a sturdy warm season perennial. Plants have a lovely vase-shaped growth that reaches full height quickly because this is the naturally occurring dwarf variety of the straight species Amsonia tabernaemontana. Mature plants average 12-18" tall with a roughly 1' spread.

Foliage is dark green and slightly wider but still oval or lance shaped. Spring blooms are light blue and star shaped. During Autumn, foliage is tinted in a lovely clear yellow shade. Plants are particularly beautiful during the spring transition. Leaves are lime green as they emerge. As the leaves attain full size, clusters of deep blue pointed flower buds appear and unfurl into star shaped florets.

**CULTURAL & MAINTENANCE NEEDS:** Bluestar is very adaptable and easy to grow. It tolerates moist sandy to heavy clay soils and is drought tolerant once established. Plants flourish in full sun or partial shade but may flop if shade is too dense.

A slightly toxic latex sap causes this plant to be unpalatable to insect pests and foraging herbivores like deer and rabbits. Ruby throated hummingbirds, large carpenter bees, hummingbird moths and butterflies seek the floral nectar.

**LANDSCAPE USES:** Tidy foliage and a striking compact vase shaped growth habit allow this Bluestar to perform well as an Accent plant. It can also be used as a Butterfly Nectar Plant, Butterfly Host Plant or as part of a group or mass. Plants inject seasonal interest (Fall Color and Showy Blooms) into the garden and are valuable components of cottage gardens, deer resistant plantings, water-wise landscapes, low maintenance plantings, meadow or prairie gardens, perennial borders and wildlife gardens.

**COMPANION & UNDERSTUDY PLANTS:** Amsonia v 'Montana' blooms coincide with those of meadow phlox, false indigo and beard tongue. The golden fall foliage is attractive with fall asters like 'Raydon's Favorite. Other Amsonias can be substituted if this one is not available.

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