

Amsonia hubrichtii Threadleaf Bluestar

Amsonia hubrichtii (Threadleaf Bluestar) has 3 season interest. This upright, clump-forming species is noted for its powder blue, star-like flowers in late spring, feathery green foliage in summer, and sparkling golden yellow color in fall. Flowers occur in terminal clusters on 2-3' plants. Feathery, soft-textured, needle-like, alternate leaves are bright green in spring and summer. From a distance, plants assume a lily-like appearance. The fine textured foliage contrasts well with coarse textured plants like Joe Pye weed. Blooms provide nectar resources for pollinators. Plants flourish in full sun to light shade, but full sun produces stronger stems and better fall color. Too much shade causes plants to flop. Drought tolerant and adaptable to a variety of soil conditions.

Botanical Name: Amsonia hubrichtii

Common Name: Threadleaf Bluestar

Family: Apocynaceae

Nativity: US Native

USDA Zone: 5-9

Light Type: Full Sun to light Shade

Soil Type: Sand, Loam, Clay

Soil Preferences: Well-drained

Soil Moisture: Wet, Moist, Dry

Typical height (ft): 2-3'

Typical width (ft): 2-3'

Foliage: Bright Green

Bloom Time: May, June

Bloom: Powder Blue

Ecological features: Attracts bees and butterflies

Tolerance of: Deer, Drought, Heat, Heavy Clay

Additional notes: 3-season plant, low maintenance, Butterfly Nectar Plant or as part of a Group or Mass, Water-wise Landscapes, and as a matrix element of naturalistic planting styles. Its slightly toxic latex sap cause this plant to be unpalatable to insect pests and foraging herbivores like deer and rabbits.

Companion plants: Culver Root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*), Asters, Wine Cups (*Callirhoe involucrata*), Garden Phlox (*Phlox paniculata*), Creeping Phlox (*Phlox subulata*), Wild Pink (*Silene caroliniana*), Purple Poppy Mallow (*Callirhoe involucrate*), Woodland Sunflower (*Helianthus divaricatus*), Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)

For more information see:

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=w810>

<https://wimastergardener.org/article/arkansas-or-thread-leaf-blue-star-amsonia-hubrichtii/>

<https://www.midwestgroundcovers.com/plant/Amsonia-hubrichtii>

<https://www.americanmeadows.com/blue-star-flower-hubrichtii>

<http://www.newmoonnursery.com/plant/Amsonia-hubrichtii>

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flowering time



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mounded plant form



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flower head



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autumn interest- mounded form & golden leaves

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