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Narrow-Leaf Blue Star

Amsonia hubrichtii

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Narrowleaf or Arkansas Bluestar, *A. hubrichtii*

Ornamental Features

Narrow-Leaf Blue Star has steel blue star-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early summer, which are interesting on close inspection. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its ferny leaves are lime green in color. As an added bonus, the foliage turns a gorgeous harvest gold in the fall. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Narrow-Leaf Blue Star is a dense herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Narrow-Leaf Blue Star is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



Narrow-Leaf Blue Star in bloom
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Narrow-Leaf Blue Star flowers
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Planting & Growing

Narrow-Leaf Blue Star will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This species is native to parts of North America. It can be propagated by cuttings.



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