



Blue Star Flower

Amsonia tabernaemontana

Dogbane Family (Apocynaceae)

Zones: 3-9

Full Sun

Moderate Water

Location: Floral Walk

In the early spring as Blue Star Flower emerges, you will notice finger-like projections sticking out of the soil. As these shoots grow, the wonderful magic of this plant starts to unfold.

Each season brings a pleasant surprise! In the spring you are delighted with clusters of pale blue, star-shaped flowers that cover the plant. The flowers are complemented by the lance-shaped, dark-green leaves and are a joy to the eye. Blue Star Flower branches heavily from the base giving it an overall vase-shaped habit. During the summer the overall appearance becomes rounded and long narrow seedpods appear. It grows about two feet in height and provides a wonderful backdrop to other surrounding plants. In the fall, Blue Star Flower delights you with a lovely gold fall color that blends beautifully with fall blooming asters.

Blue Star Flower is not fussy about its soil type as it prefers rocky clay over nice fluffy garden soil. It may benefit from a little extra water during long, hot summer days. Wear gloves when tending this plant, as the sap can cause skin irritation for some people. Come see Blue Star Flower growing at Red Butte Garden's Floral Walk and enjoy its year-long beauty.