

# Willow Blue Star



## *Amsonia 'Blue Ice'*

- **Use:** Blue Star is a beautiful plant for spring flowers, summer foliage, and fall color. Effective as a background plant. It is long-lived, trouble-free, and should be used more often. Very similar in appearance to *A. tabernaemontana*, except it is much more compact and produces darker blue flowers.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full-part sun. Will tolerate shade, but blooms less. It's fairly drought tolerant and needs little water.
- **Growth:** Grows 1-1.5' tall and wide (taller in more shade). Divide in spring or fall, though it shouldn't need it for many years. It overwinters better if not cut back to the ground in fall, so wait til early spring.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-9; Perennial.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Summer foliage is willowy and medium green, and fall color is a good rich gold.
- **Flower:** . Its dense terminal clusters of pale, steel blue, star-shaped flowers appear in late spring and resemble very fine garden phlox heads. After it blooms cut it back to 6 to 8 inches to make it bushier and prevent flopping, shaping the plant mass as you do it (making the outside and front shorter).



Looks beautiful as a perennial hedge! Yellow foliage in the fall. Hard to find!  
Deer resistant.

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