

Stairway to Heaven Jacob's Ladder



Polemonium 'Stairway to Heaven'

- **Use:** This excellent variegated selection of *P. reptans* was selected by Bill Cullina of The New England Wild Flower Society. A good plant for shade or a sunny (little shade) edge (with adequate moisture). This native groundcover is very popular, and its royalties benefit the Garden in the Woods and their plant and habitat conservation. A natural companion for hostas and coral bells in lightly shaded native and wild gardens.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers part shade morning sun being best. Follow a regular watering schedule during the first growing season to establish a deep, extensive root system. For a neat appearance, remove old foliage before new leaves emerge. Divide clumps every 2 to 3 years in early spring.
- **Growth:** Foliage mounds 15-18" high and 12" wide are stunning spring to frost.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-8; Perennial Heat tolerant type
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Foliage has broad, bold, cream variegation on contrasting green that acquires a pink tinge in direct sun or cool weather.
- **Flower:** Topped by light blue, half-inch long flowers borne in loose drooping clusters (corymbs). After flowering, the plants are covered with tan-colored fruit, another wonderful attribute of this little-appreciated plant.

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