

Butterscotch Willow Blue Star



Amsonia 'Butterscotch'

- **Use:** Similar to other Amsonia but with improved form. Abundant clusters of small, powdery blue flowers on reddish stems above a mound of willowy, narrow foliage. The bright green leaves of spring and summer change to dramatic hues of yellow, deep gold and butterscotch in fall. Easy to grow and relatively low maintenance.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full-part sun. Will tolerate shade, but blooms less. It's fairly drought tolerant and needs little water.
- **Growth:** Grows 2-3 tall and wide. 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:** 3-9 perennial.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Reddish stems, superior rich "butterscotch" fall color, and great resistance to tip die-back.
- **Flower:** The steel blue flowers emerge atop the foliage when it breaks the ground in April and continue into May. 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! Deer resistant.