

# String Theory Blue Star



## *Amsonia* 'String Theory'

- **Use:** 'String Theory' can be described as a compact version of the industry standard *Amsonia hubrichtii*. The compact habit is covered with light periwinkle blue flowers in late spring, flowering later than 'Storm Cloud'. While other *Amsonia* can often display chlorotic leaves, 'String Theory' displays healthy dark green leaves throughout the summer. We have observed the same brilliant golden orange fall color as you would expect from *A. hubrichtii*.
- **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 until early spring.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4a-9b; Perennial.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. In the fall, the deciduous orange fall foliage is stunning!
- **Flower:** The sky 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).

This easy care, heat and humidity tolerant, deer resistant perennial is an excellent choice for gardeners looking for low maintenance or native perennials.

