

# Storm Cloud Blue Star



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Looks beautiful as  
a perennial hedge!  
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## *Amsonia tabernaemontana* 'Storm Cloud'

- **Use:** I'm more **LOW MAINTENANCE** than your **OTHER** relationships. In spring, new stems emerge near-black with leaves that are very dark green with silver veins. The stems stay dark throughout spring. Light periwinkle blue, star-shaped flowers completely cover the foliage in late spring, and re-bloom for many weeks afterward. Although the main interest of this plant is in spring, it maintains a great garden presence throughout the summer and fall. Its wide, mounded habit lends itself well to be used in place of shrubs in the landscape. Younger plants will have more of a vase-like habit, but make sure to give this plant some space for when it reaches its mature size.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full-part sun. Will tolerate shade, but blooms less. It's fairly drought tolerant and needs little water.
- **Growth:** Grows 30-36" tall and 38-42" 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:** Zone 4-9; Perennial.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Watch in spring as incredibly dark stems emerge from the ground. Olive green leaves have silver veins.
- **Flower:** Star-shaped, periwinkle blue flowers appear atop of the wide, mounding, shrub-like habit.

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