



*A tabernaemontana* George Bruso Mi 1989

## Eastern Bluestar *Amsonia tabernaemontana*

- 1-3 ft tall, native: NJ, southeastern US, winter dormant perennial
- Pale blue flowers bloom April to June
- Average to wet sandy soil, part sun to shade
- Good rain garden plant
- Attracts bees, butterflies, and other pollinators
- Tolerates deer, drought, sun and poor soil
- Propagates easily from seed
- Collect ripe seeds September – October
- Allow seed pods to dry, then rub/twist the pods to free the seeds
- Store seeds cold and dry to maintain dormancy
- Sow on moist soil surface indoors in pots or outdoors in garden
- 8 weeks moist at 40°F to break dormancy; 70°F to germinate