Amsonia tabernaemontana
Eastern bluestar

The powder-blue flowers set above shrubby foliage brighten the spring garden and serve as a nectar source and host plant for several types of pollinators. In fall, the leaves turn a striking golden-yellow color.

**Hardiness:** Zones 4–9  
**Light:** Sun to part shade  
**Soil:** Moist to average  
**Size:** 2–3’ tall  
**Foliage:** Green, ovate; clump-forming  
**Flowers:** Star-shaped, powder-blue  
**Bloom Time:** Spring  
**Wildlife Value:** Nectar for hummingbirds and various long-tongued pollinators, including native bees, hummingbird moths, butterflies. A member of the dogbane family, its characteristic milky sap makes it resistant to deer, rabbits, and groundhogs.