

# FABULOUS FOLIAGE

## AMSONIA (BLUESTAR)

### AMSONIA HUBRICHTII – NARROWLEAF BLUESTAR CULTIVAR

#### CULTIVARS

**NOTE:** Other cultivars have very different foliage.

#### FOLIAGE

A southern native with very narrow, needle-like leaves that line the stems like bottlebrushes. Valued for its golden yellow fall colour. Best fall foliage colour usually occurs if planted in full sun, but flowers generally last longer if given some afternoon shade in hot sun areas. Stems tend to open up and flop in too much shade. Feathery, soft-textured, needle-like, alternate leaves are bright green in spring and summer, but turn bright gold in autumn. Great foliage texture and fall colour.

#### FLOWERS

Produces 2-3 in. clusters of small, light blue, star-shaped flowers in June / July.

#### HARDINESS ZONE

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#### LIGHT REQUIREMENTS

Full sun to part shade.

#### SIZE

Height: 1-1.5 feet (30-40 cm); Width: 1-2 feet (30-60 cm).

#### GROWTH RATE

Slow grower. Can be dug and divided in early spring before the new growth starts..

#### WATER / SOIL REQUIREMENT

Medium. Well-drained soil, but will tolerate drought conditions once established.

#### PESTS

No serious pest or disease problems.

#### PLACEMENT

Borders, rock gardens, native plant garden, cottage garden or open woodland area.



#### Sources

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