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*Amsonia tabernaemontana*

**EASTERN BLUESTAR** is a perennial. Native to south-eastern North America it has small, pale purplish-blue flowers and leaves that can turn gold in Autumn.

It is also known as Blue dogbane, Blue Star, Bluestar flower, and Willow amsonia.

The flowers are pollinated by various butterflies.

Warning – some authorities claim that bluestar is poisonous for dogs.

*Tabernaemontana* commemorates a German physician, botanist and linguist, Jakob Theodore von Bergzabern (1520-1590), who latinized his name to Jacobus Theodorus Tabernaemontanus by which he is more familiar today. He was physician to the Count of the Palatine at Heidelberg and his botanical interests appear to have been directed especially towards medicinal plants and some tropical ones. Among his respected works authorities draw particular attention to *Neu vollkommen Kraeuterbuch* and *Eicones Plantarum*.

Bluestar is popular for cultivation as an ornamental plant.