

Woodland forget-me-not

Myosotis sylvatica

Description

Introduced to North America as a garden plant used as flowering ground cover or as a border plant.

Habit

Erect; perennial; 10 in tall forb; fuzzy.

Leaves

Petiolate basal leaves oblanceolate to elliptic, up to 13 cm long and 13 mm wide, cauline leaves several, smaller, up to 6 cm long, sessile, oblong to lance-elliptic.

Stems

Several; erect.

Flowers

Blue to white with a yellow center, 5-parted, 1/4-1/3 in wide, calyx with hooked hairs, lobes



much longer than the tube, inflorescence a terminal, leafless, curving, branched cluster (cyme); blooms April through September.

Fruits and Seeds

Smooth, shiny black nutlets (4) on spreading stalks.

Habitat

Native to Europe and Asia. Found in sun, shade; moist; garden escape.

Reproduction

By seed and vegetatively.

Similar

Bay forget-me-not (*Myosotis laxa*), which can be distinguished by its upright form and aquatic habitat.

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Hand-pulling for small infestations.

Credits

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