

True forget-me-not

Myosotis scorpioides

Description

Many legends regarding this plant in European folklore. Plant was first recognized in 1532.

Habit

Erect; perennial; 4-24 in tall forb; stems hairy; often creeping; roots fibrous.

Leaves

Alternate, stalkless, hairy, evergreen in ponds.

Stems

Hairy; erect.

Flowers

Blue with a yellow center, 5-parted, 1/4-3/8 in wide, petals flat at the top of the tube, calyx with flat, tight hairs, the lobes much shorter than the tube; calyx drawing inflorescence a terminal, curving, branched cluster (cyme); blooms May to September.

Fruits and Seeds

Smooth, shiny nutlets (4) on spreading stalks,





blackish in color.

Habitat

Native to Eurasia. Found in moist to wet meadows, ditches, pond margins and swamps.

Reproduction

By seed or vegetatively by stolons.

Similar

Woodland forget-me-not (*Myosotis sylvatica*).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Hand-pulling for small infestations.

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