

## 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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