



New Jersey Tea

Ceanothus americanus



Photos courtesy of Bill Hendricks (above) and Judy Semroc (below)

Unique Characteristics

A drought resistant plant that offers good ground cover for dry slopes and banks. This deciduous shrub has fragrant white flowers.

Plant Type:	Deciduous shrub
Native Range:	Eastern and central North America
Sun:	Full sun to part shade
Water:	Dry to medium
Soil:	Well-drained, mesic sand, loam, or limey soils
pH:	6.8-7.2
Height:	2-3 feet
Spread:	3-5 feet
Wildlife:	Its small flowers attract numerous insects, especially bees, wasps, flies, and beetles. Larval host for Spring Azure, Summer Azure, Mottled Duskywing. Turkey eat the fruit.
Hardiness Zones:	4-8
Bloom Time:	March and April
Bloom Color:	White
Uses:	Pretty shrub used as an ornamental on sandy soils of open woodlands, prairies and rocky hillsides. Recovers quickly after fire.

