



## Blue Star Hebe

*Hebe 'Vergeerl'*

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: Shrubby Veronica

### Description:

A lovely evergreen upright shrub, featuring pointed gray-green leaves with silvery-blue overtones, and a profusion of white flowers in summer; adaptable and low maintenance; will tolerate some mild frost, but should be sheltered

### Ornamental Features

Blue Star Hebe has masses of beautiful corymbs of white flowers at the ends of the branches from early to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. It has attractive grayish green foliage with hints of silvery blue. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter.

### Landscape Attributes

Blue Star Hebe is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blue Star Hebe is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



*Blue Star Hebe foliage*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

### **Planting & Growing**

Blue Star Hebe will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Blue Star Hebe makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.