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# Ceanothus americanus

## New Jersey Tea



This small shrub grows in prairies, fields and open woodlands. The flowers bloom in mid-summer and can be dried to use in flower arrangements. A great addition to the perennial border. Drought and salt resistant. Sensitive to soil compaction, does not transplant readily once established.

**Suggested Companions:** little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), June grass (*Koeleria macrantha*), wild strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*), old-field goldenrod (*Solidago nemoralis*), fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*), gray dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*)

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Plant Type: Shrub

Size: 2-3' H  
2-3' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Open field/ Prairie  
Woodland Margin

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Sandy/ Gravelly

Exposure: sun  
filtered

Flower Color:  
White

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:  
June  
July

Other Attributes:

Butterfly attracting  
Wildlife attracting  
Bird attracting