

Friends of the Arboretum Native Plant Sale



## ***Phlox divaricata* – Wild Blue Phlox**

COMMON NAME: Wild Blue Phlox

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Phlox divaricata* – the Greek word for "flame" is *phlox* and *divaricata* comes from Latin for "spreading".

FLOWER: light blue – sometimes nearly white.

BLOOMING PERIOD: late April to early June. Blooms later than bloodroot and hepatica.

SIZE: 12 to 20 inches tall

BEHAVIOR: Flower stalk has several 5-parted funnel-shaped blossoms with rounded lobes.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Prefers medium to wet woodlands and cliffs rich in organic matter with filtered sunlight.

NATURAL RANGE: From New England to the southern and south-central states. It grows in most of Wisconsin.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Basal leaves remain green in winter.

SUGGESTED CARE: When planting set stem nodes one inch deeper than the level at which the plant previously grew. Nodes will send up extra flower stalks. Mulch to maintain moisture level.

COMPANION PLANTS: wild ginger, spring beauty, toothwort, white fawn lily, false rue anemone.