

Botanical Name: Ipheion uniflorum

Common Name: Spring star flower

Type of Plant: monocot: bulb Character summer deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape small clumping plant with narrow, blue-green grassy leaves;  
has a slight onion smell when brushed; small bluish, star-shaped flowers in  
spring

Height 6" to 8" Spread to 12" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to nearly full shade; blooms best in sun

Soil not fussy, tolerates all soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-24)

Morphology:

Leaves flat, narrow, 1/8" wide forming from small membranous bulbs  
blades to 6" long, blue-green color with a slight onion odor

Flowers star-shaped, to 1" wide, usually white with bluish striping

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: division, seed

Usage: small spring flowering bulb for low border areas, in rock  
gardens and as a small groundcover in wild areas; use where summer dormancy  
is not a problem

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering; tolerates drought

Fertilizing balanced fertilizer in spring

Pruning remove dead foliage after dormant in late spring

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions

Origin: So. America Family: Amaryllidaceae