

*Linum lewisii*

## Western Blue Flax, Mountain Flax

PERENNIAL, from a woody root.  
To 30" high.

Slender, graceful habit.

Stems branch low and wide.

Short narrow leaves.

Satiny, sky blue, wide-open flowers  
- June to September.

Native habitat: mountain meadows,  
grassy slopes, sandy soil on  
edge or low sagebrush - 4000'  
to 9000'. Widespread.

Full sun to light shade.

Frost resistant.

Some summer water.

Rock gardens and borders.

Individual flowers short-lived.

Can be rangy out of flower, so best  
combined with leafier plants.

Cut back after flowering.

Can succumb to wet soils in winter, but  
easily restarted from seed.



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