



New Jersey Tea

Ceanothus americanus

Light:	Full Sun
Soil:	Sand, Loam
Moisture:	Dry, Medium
Benefits:	Pollinators, Butterflies, Hummingbirds, Host Plant
Height:	2'-3'
Blooms:	Jul, Aug
Zones:	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Color:	White
Spacing:	3'
Root:	Taproot

New Jersey Tea is a compact, dense, rounded shrub, typically growing two to three feet tall. Clusters of tiny, fragrant, white flowers are attractive to pollinators, butterflies, and hummingbirds, and it is a host plant for several butterflies. Young twigs are noticeably yellow and stand out in winter.

A drought tolerant species that grows best in full sun, New Jersey Tea is effective as a shrubby ground cover for hard-to-grow-areas like dry rocky slopes and banks. Foliage is resistant to insects. White-tailed deer will browse on it all year round. Wild turkey eat the seeds.

Top Photo: Betty Truax, Virginia Native Plant Society
Bottom Photo: Missouri Botanical Garden