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# *Polemonium reptans*

## Jacob's ladder



Light Requirements: **part-shade, shade**

Soil Moisture: **moist**

Soil Description: **acid, neutral, rich, loam**

Height: **6" – 16"**

Recommended Spacing: **12"-16"**

Bloom Time: **April, May**

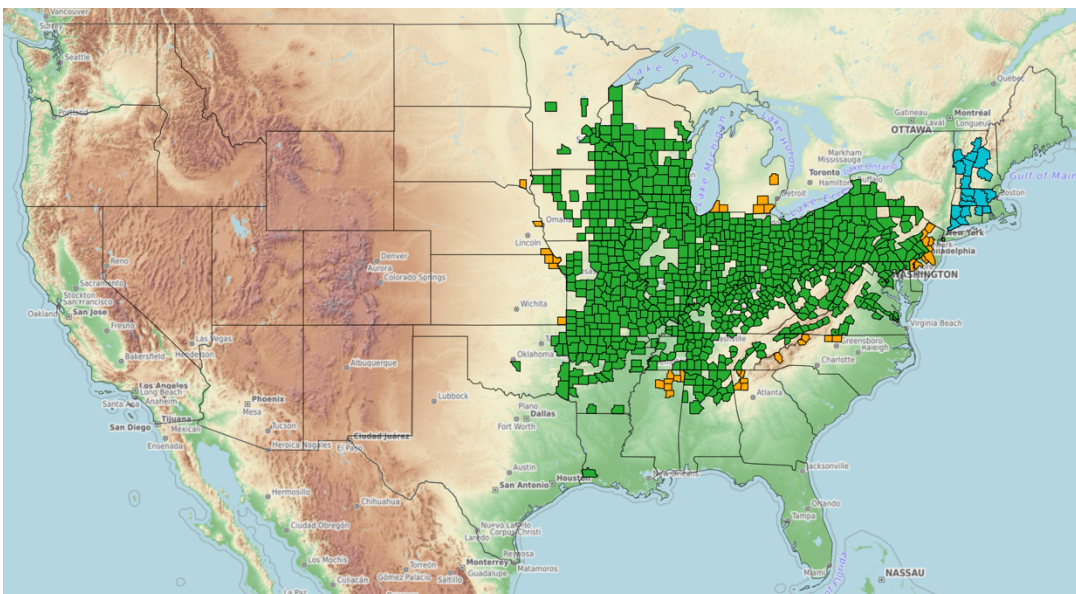
Bloom Color: **lavender, blue**

Hardiness Zone: **4, 5, 6, 7, 8**

Additional Tags: **deer resistant, colonizing, pollinator favorite, rock garden plant, shade garden plant, stream margin plant**

*Polemonium reptans* is a clumping, low-growing, deciduous perennial that forms 10" to 16" tall masses when in bloom. 1/2" blue bell-shaped flowers are borne in loose, terminal clusters and float just above the foliage. Small, oval leaflets are arranged like the rungs of a ladder (hence the common name Jacob's ladder) and give the plant a delicate, fern-like appearance.

Its native habitat includes moist, rich, soil in open woodlands and along streams where it is exposed to filtered light. It is however also quite adapted to dry shade. It is a cool season species that emerges late-winter and blooms early in spring. Plants might go dormant during summer dry spells but will flush out again in the fall. It is a dynamic filler and adept at finding bare spots to take hold.



### Map of Native Range Color Key:

- Present
- Rare
- Extirpated
- Noxious
- Adventive