Wild Blue Phlox
‘Blue Moon’
(Phlox divaricata)

1-1.5’ semi-evergreen woodlander that spreads slowly into great drifts, under the right conditions. ‘Blue Moon’ discovered by Bill Cullina at New England Wildflower Society.

CT native, found in rich woods.

Profuse loose open clouds of fragrant beautiful rich-blue-violet flowers with five flat notched overlapping petals, covering foliage. Late April, continuing to bloom well into May.

The 1’ flower-stems die after blooming and setting seed. Then new spreading stems with 2” lance-shaped evergreen leaves form loose creeping mats, rooting along the way to expand the colony, persisting to the following spring. You can clip off the ragged flower stems/seed heads in early summer.

Part sun to full shade, dappled shade preferred. Moist humusy soil. Long-lived, carefree.

Use in woodlands, wildflower gardens, shaded borders, on slopes, in rock gardens, as a ground-cover with spring bulbs, as edging, or under later-blooming perennials.

Attracts long-tongued bees. Attracts butterflies, especially Swallowtails, and moths, including Hummingbird Moths. Attracts hummingbirds.

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