

Plumbaginaceae

leadwort Family

Nova Scotia has a single species of about 400 described worldwide. Regular flowers are five-merous and hypogynous. The calyx is dry and usually persistent. The calyx tube is noticeably ribbed, the lobes membranous. Flowers are arranged in a corymb; producing dry single-seeded fruits.

***Limonium* Miller**

sea lavender

Cosmopolitan in range, the genus includes about 200 species. Our native species is a perennial herb as are several popular garden perennials cultivated here.

Leaves are ovate or lanceolate, arising from a deep taproot. Inflorescence is a large corymb; flowers bundled in threes and subtended by two or three dry bracts. Colours range from pink to mauve and even bluish. *Limonium* is often included in the European *Statice*.

***Limonium carolinianum* (Walter) Britton**

Sea Lavender; Marsh Rosemary; limonium de Caroline



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Spatulate or lanceolate leaves are borne on long petioles. Corymb sits atop a long slender scape. Pubescence is variable on the calyx. The former varieties based on this character are no longer recognized.

Flowers from mid-July until September.

A characteristic species of saltmarshes and coastal flats. Considered pioneer.

Common around the head of the Bay of Fundy and in northern Cape Breton. Scattered elsewhere.



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NL to QC, south along the coast to FL and TX.