

Mentzelia decapetala

Ten Petal Blazing Star



Plant type:	Biennial/Short-lived Perennial
Season of Interest:	July-Sep
Height: 1-3'	Spread: 1.5-3'
Water needs:	Low
Native Region:	CO, KS, NE, NM, OK, TX, UT, WY
Elevation:	3,500'-7,000'
Important to know:	Smells like honey



Maintenance:	Low
Characteristics:	sticky foliage, nocturnal flowers
Garden uses:	Moon Garden
Habitat:	Dry slopes and road beds



Ease of Propagation: Medium

Propagation: Collect seeds when the pore in the membrane at the mouth of the wide capsule opens. Seeds fall into the paper bag as they dry. About 5 weeks before the last frost date, soak the seeds for 24 hours in tepid water. Seeds that float may not be fertile. Cold stratify in the fridge for 4-5 weeks. Sow in cells or in situ. Cover very lightly. They germinate in 14 days. They can be potted in a well-draining mix in a 2.5" pot as early as 9 days later. To sow in situ, sow in the fall, fairly soon after collecting the seeds.

