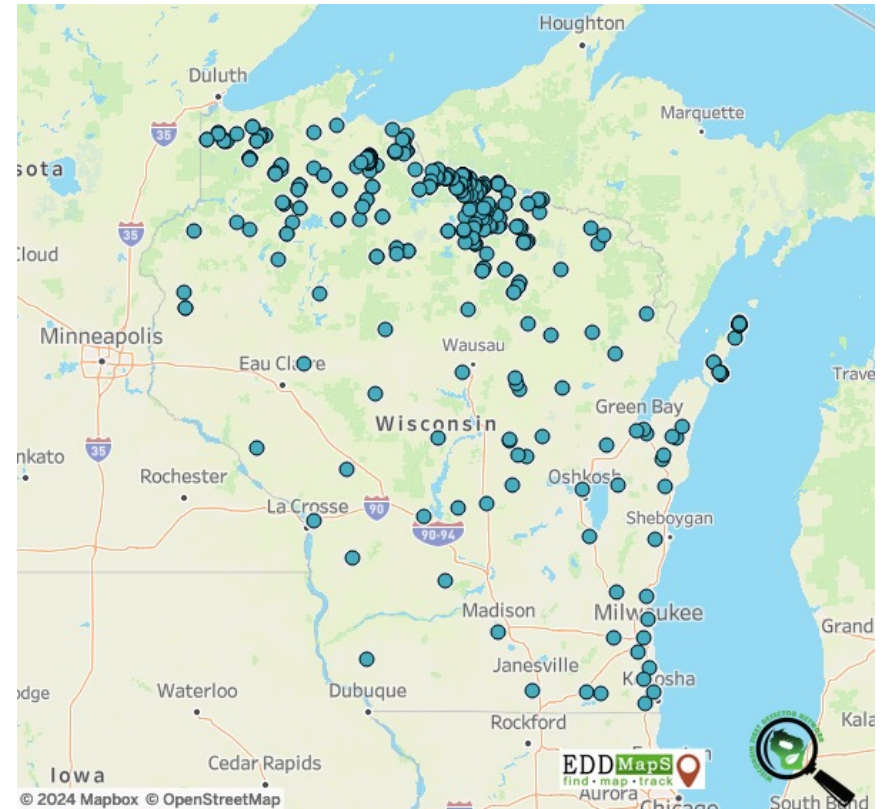


Common forget-me-not (*Myosotis scorpioides*)



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- Creeping wetland plant with coiled flowering stems, blue flowers with a yellow center
- Habitats it invades:
 - Wet forests
 - Waterways
- Status
 - Wisconsin: Restricted
 - Not regulated in neighboring states





Common forget-me-not (*Myosotis scorpioides*)

Leaves alternate, simple

- 1-3" long, oblong, stalkless, with a rounded tip
- Leaves and stems with small hairs
- Stems upright or reclining
- Forms dense mats in slow-moving or still water



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Common forget-me-not (*Myosotis scorpioides*)



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Flower/fruit

- Flowers with five fused blue petals, the centers yellow
- Flowers borne in uncoiling branches; May-Sept.
- Fruit is a cluster of four shiny nutlets

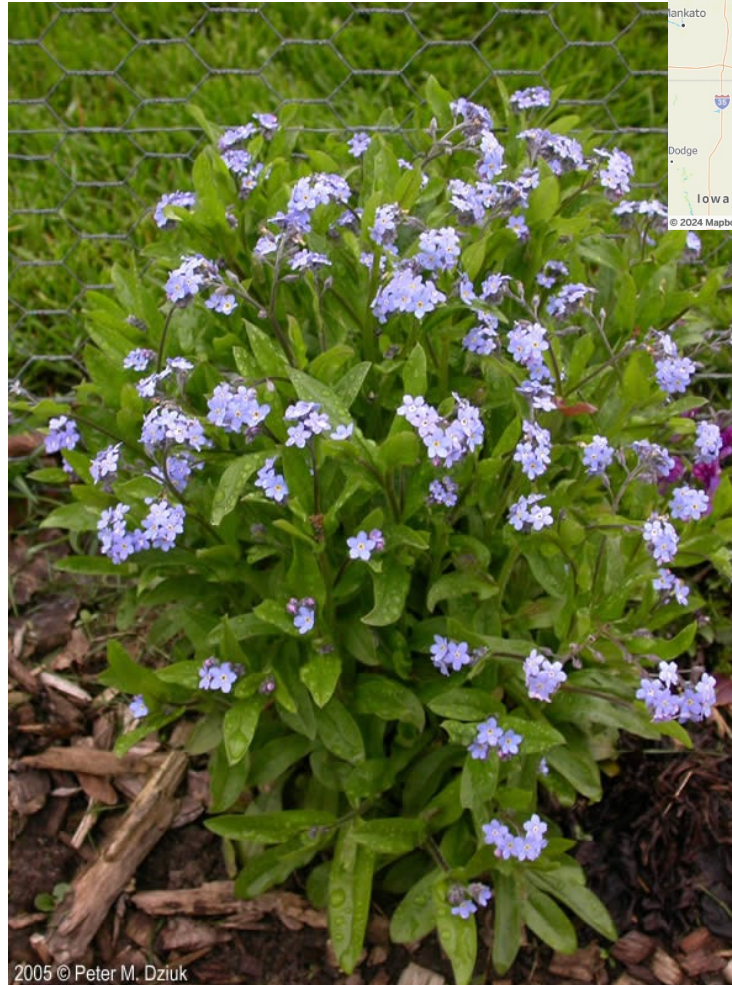
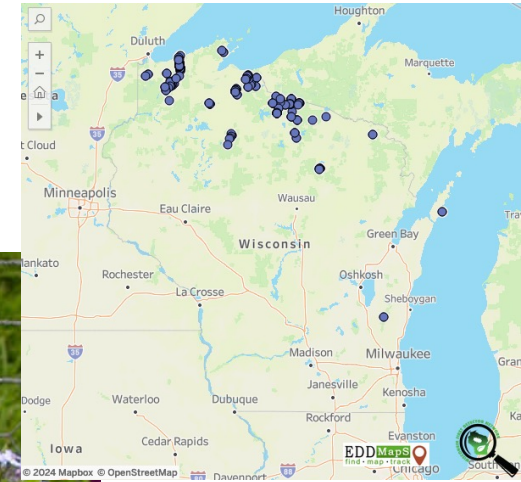


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Woodland forget-me-not (*Myosotis sylvatica*)

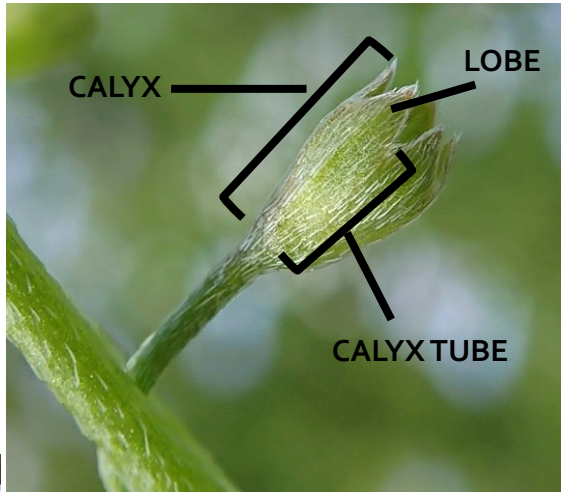
WOODLAND FORGET-ME-NOT is a **Restricted** species that inhabits **upland forests**, mostly in northern Wisconsin. Compared to common forget-me-not (*Myosotis scorpioides*) it is a **more upright plant**, has **hairier leaves and stems**, and **sepals with hooked hairs**. They are otherwise very similar.



Forget-me-not look alike

Two species of forget-me-nots are invasive in Wisconsin: woodland forget-me-not (*Myosotis sylvatica*) and common forget-me-not (*M. scorpioides*). They look very similar to each other and to other forget-me-nots in Wisconsin: the **native** small forget-me-not (*M. laxa*) and **non-native** field forget-me-not (*M. arvensis*). Forget-me-nots can be distinguished from each other based on characteristics of the calyx (green, leaf-like cup below the flower) and hairs.

COMMON FORGET-ME-NOT
calyx has **lobes shorter** than the calyx tube. Hairs are **straight and flattened** against the plant.



FIELD FORGET-ME-NOT
calyx has **lobes about equal** in length to the calyx tube. Hairs are **spreading, some minutely hooked**.



WOODLAND FORGET-ME-NOT
calyx has **lobes longer** than the calyx tube. Hairs are **spreading, some minutely hooked**.



SMALL FORGET-ME-NOT
calyx has **lobes about equal** in length to the calyx tube. Hairs are **straight and flattened** against the plant.