



Soapwort gentian or harvest bells



Plant Botanical Name:

Gentiana saponaria

Plant Threat Level:

Endangered

Soapwort gentians are native along the east coast from Florida to Massachusetts, west to the Great Lakes and south to Texas. Although widely dispersed in Michigan and endangered in Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania. Development, fire suppression and use of herbicides continue to endanger gentians. *Gentiana sp.* often found in moist acidic woodland slopes, roadside ditches and moist meadows. The beautiful blue flower heralds the end of the flowering season (and the beginning of autumn) before its leaves turn red and gold.

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