

Limonium carolinianum

Sea Lavender
Marsh Rosemary

Native to Maine

Coastal
Dunes and Developed Areas













Leaves



Sandy Richards



Look for leaves that are thick and broad at the tip, and very thin near the stalk. The leaves look like canoe paddles.

LEAF ARRANGEMENT	LEAF TYPE	LEAF/LEAFLET SHAPE	LEAF/LEAFLET EDGE
 ALTERNATE	 SIMPLE	 LOBED	 SMOOTH
 OPPOSITE	 COMPOUND-PALMATE	 OVAL	 TOOTHED
 ROSETTE	 COMPOUND-PINNATE	 ROUND	 WAVY

Plant



Chris Moody, flickr.com



Look for a small plant (up to 0.6 m tall) with long thin stems and large oval leaves at the base.

Stem



Joy Viola, Northeastern University



Look for a stem that is thick and woody at the base and thin and wiry at the top.

Seasonal Change



Anita Gould



In late summer (August to September) look for tiny (4 to 7 mm), pale purple flowers. Flowers are arranged in clusters on branching spikes.

Similar Species

Sea Lavender looks similar to the plant many gardeners know as Baby's Breath, which is frequently used in flower arrangements. Sea Lavender has a purple flower whereas Baby's Breath flowers are white.

Fun Fact

Sea Lavender is a very popular decoration in homes. It dries well and keeps its color for many years. Because of this it has been picked almost to extinction along many parts of the Maine Coast.

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