



## Closed Gentian

*Gentiana clausa* Raf.



<b>Family:</b>	Gentianaceae
<b>Habitat:</b>	Moist to wet, fertile soil. Moist woods, seeps and thickets.
<b>Color:</b>	Blue
<b>Height:</b>	14-18 in
<b>Exposure:</b>	Partial sun
<b>Bloom Dates:</b>	Aug-Sept
<b>Soil Moisture:</b>	Moist
<b>Soil Quality:</b>	Rich
<b>Garden Uses:</b>	Effective scattered in borders, or massed or edging.
<b>Notes:</b>	One of the last of the wildflowers to bloom in the fall. Attracts large, strong bees that can stick their heads in and pry open narrow opening at top to crawl inside facilitating cross-pollination. Sensitive to root disturbance and drought.

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