BORAGINACEAE

*Mertensia paniculata* (Ait.) G. Don

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tall bluebells, panicle bluebells

**FORM:** Erect, deciduous, perennial forb, 2-15dm (8-59in) tall, numerous stems from a stout rhizome.

**LEAVES:** Alternate, numerous cauline leaves, simple, entire, very thin, obvious lateral veins, ovate to lanceolate, short-petiolate, acuminate with rounded base, 3-14cm (1-6in) long; basal leaves when present, long petiolate, cordate.

**FLOWERS:** Blue, sometimes white or pink, 5-merous, tubular 9-16mm long, in branched, open, terminal cymes; May-Aug.

**FRUIT:** Nutlet.

**HABITAT:** Streamsides and wet meadows.