

Aster Key

Genus	Species	Common	Flower Color	Flower Size	Flower Cluster	# rays	Leaf Shape	Leaf Size (length)	Typical habitat	Bloom Season	Additional characteristics
<i>Sericarpus</i>	<i>asteroides</i>	white top aster	white	1/2"	branched, flat(ish)	4-8	lance or spoon shaped	3/4 - 4"	fields	early	stems hairy, blunt teeth
<i>Oligoneuron</i>	<i>album</i>	upland white aster	white	3/4 - 1"	crowded, flat(ish)	10-25	linear/lance	1 - 8"	rocky areas	early	
<i>Symphotrichum</i>	<i>ericoides</i>	Heath aster	white	1/4 - 1/2"	dense	8-20	Linear	2" or less	dry fields	Late	
<i>Symphotrichum</i>	<i>lanceolatum</i>	lance-leaf aster	white to pale purple	3/4 - 1"	open	20-40	lance	3-6"	moist meadows		up to 8' tall
<i>Symphotrichum</i>	<i>lateriflorum</i>	calico aster	white to purple	1/4 - 1/2"	clustered along branches	8-15	lance	2-6"	varied		lobes of disk flowers >50% of limb
<i>Symphotrichum</i>	<i>dumosum</i>	Bushy aster	white to pale blue	1/2 - 3/4"	wide branching	13-30	linear/lance	1-4"	varied	mid	scale-like bracts
<i>Symphotrichum</i>	<i>pilosum</i>	awl aster	white	3/8 - 3/4"	clustered along branches	16-35	linear	4" or less	dry fields		Phyllary tips inrolled w/ a spine at tip
<i>Symphotrichum</i>	<i>racemosum</i>	small white aster	white	1/4 - 1/2"	clustered along branches	15-30	linear	4" or less	varied	mid	stems often purple-tinged
<i>Doellingeria</i>	<i>umbellata</i>	flat top aster	white	1/2 - 3/4"	flat topped	7-14	lance	1 1/2 - 6 1/2"	varied	mid	up to 7' tall
<i>Eurybia</i>	<i>macrophylla</i>	big leaf aster	purple/blue	1/2 - 1"	flat(ish) on stalks	9-20	broadly oval, thick, rough	2-12"	woods	early-mid	colony forming
<i>Eurybia</i>	<i>schreberi</i>	Schreber's aster	white	3/4 - 1"	branching, flat(ish)	6-12	broadly oval, long petioled	4-12" long, 2-4" wide	woods	early-mid	colony forming
<i>Oclemena</i>	<i>acuminata</i>	whorled aster	white	1 - 1 1/2"	open, flat(ish)	10-20	broad lance, appearing whorled	2-7"	woods	mid	
<i>Eurybia</i>	<i>divaricata</i>	white wood aster	white	3/4 - 1"	open, flat(ish)	5-12	oval, sharply toothed, long petioled	1-8" long, 3/4 - 2 1/2" wide	woods		
<i>Symphotrichum</i>	<i>cordifolium</i>	blue wood aster	purple/blue	1/2 - 3/4"	clustered along branches	10-20	heart shaped, sharply toothed	1 1/2 - 6"	woods		

<i>Ionactis</i>	<i>linariifolia</i>	Stiff aster	purple	1/2 - 1"	erect	10-20	long, linear, stiff	1/2 - 1 1/2"	dry fields		
<i>Symphyotrichum</i>	<i>novae-angliaea</i>	New England aster	pink to purple	3/4 - 1 1/2"	branching, few to many	45-100	lance, crowded, clasping	1 1/4 - 5"	varied	mid	
<i>Symphyotrichum</i>	<i>novae-belgii</i>	New York aster	purple	3/4 - 1 1/4"	branching, few to many	20-50	lance	1 1/2 - 6"	moist fields	mid	involucral bracts recurved
<i>Symphyotrichum</i>	<i>praealtum</i>	willow aster	purple/blue	3/4 - 1"	clustered along branches	20-35	linear/lance	1-4"	moist fields		
<i>Symphyotrichum</i>	<i>puniceum</i>	purple stemmed aster	purple/blue	1 - 1 1/2"	open	30-60	lance, clasping	2 1/2 - 6"	moist meadows		stem densely hairy
<i>Oclemena</i>	<i>nemoralis</i>	Bog aster	purple	1 - 1 1/2"	erect	13-27	lance, inrolled edges, rough	1/2 - 2"	bogs		
<i>Symphyotrichum</i>	<i>patens</i>	Late purple aster	purple/blue	1 - 1 1/2"	wide branching	15-25	oval, thick	1-6"	dry fields and woodlands		
<i>Symphyotrichum</i>	<i>laeve</i>	Smooth aster	purple	3/4 - 1 1/4"	branching, few to many	15-30	smooth, thick, clasping	1-6"	dry fields and woodlands	mid-late	
<i>Eurybia</i>	<i>spectabilis</i>	showy aster	purple	1-2"	flat(ish)	15-35	lance	1-6"	dry fields and woodlands	early-mid	semi-clasping stem leaves, long petioled basal leaves
<i>Symphyotrichum</i>	<i>undulatum</i>	wavy leaves aster	purple/blue	3/4"	clustered along branches	8-20	heart shaped	1 1/2 - 6"	dry fields and woodlands		
<i>Symphyotrichum</i>	<i>prenanthoides</i>	zigzag aster	purple/blue	1 - 1 1/2"	open, leafy	20-35	lance, entire on lower margins, winged clasping petiole	2 1/2 - 6"	moist woods		stems zigzag, rare