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SMOOTH AMERICAN (OR BLUE) ASTER

Symphotrichum laeve

Very attractive and fragrant flowers that are lavender-blue rays surround a central yellow disk on this low-maintenance aster with smooth blue-green foliage.

Growing Information

Sunlight Full sun
Soil Type Dry to medium, well-drained
Height 2–4'
Flowering calendar August to September

Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves Yes
Flowers Yes
Fruit
Seeds

Host to 10 caterpillar species including
(common names): Aster Flowerhead;
Aster-head Phaneta; Essex Phaneta; Hoffman's
Cochlid Moth

Benefits for People

Beautiful cut flowers

Natural Habitat

- Fields
- Open woods

