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WHITE HEATH ASTER

Symphotrichum ericoides

This showy aster grows in a somewhat bushy manner, with many-branched stems featuring small white flowers with yellow centers, though the flowers can sometimes have a light blue or pink appearance. Leaves are narrow and rigid, heath-like. Grows and spreads easily by self-seeding. Nice addition to a wildflower or rock garden.

Growing Information

Sunlight Full sun
Soil Type Medium moisture, dry, well-drained
Height 1-3'
Flowering calendar August-October

Benefits for People

Natural Habitat

Open rocky woods, prairies

Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves
Flowers Yes
Fruit
Seeds
Host to 10 caterpillar species
(common names) including: Aster Flowerhead Caterpillar; Aster-head Phaneta; Essex Phaneta; Hoffman's Cochlid Moth; Pale-Banded Dart

