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HEART-LEAVED ASTER

Symphyotrichum cordifolium

A lovely keystone species which can thrive in a variety of habitats from meadows to woodlands or the spaces in between. It spreads vigorously by seed, so it's best suited for naturalized landscapes.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Supports specialized bees from the *Andrena* genus
- Flowers attract butterflies and other late-season pollinators
- Songbirds and small mammals eat the seeds

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

Benefits for People

- Low maintenance
- Self-seeds readily
- Beautiful as a cut flower

Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Part sun/shade
<i>Soil Type</i>	Sand/loam, well-drained, acidic-neutral
<i>Height</i>	1-4'
<i>Width</i>	1-2'
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	August to October

Natural Habitat

- Woodlands, grasslands, forest edges

