



## Smooth-leaved Aster

*Symphotrichum laevis*

### Growing Information

- Sunlight: Full sun, partial shade
- Soils: Well-drained sandy soils
- Bloom Time: Late summer - August, September, lavender flowers
- Size: 2-3ft in height

A non-aggressive rhizomatous root system allows the plant to spread slowly. In a garden setting, Smooth Blue Aster will persist for many years. The beautiful late blooming flowers attract many different pollinators.

### Garden Companions

Heath Aster (*Symphotrichum ericoides*), Aromatic Aster (*Symphotrichum oblongifolium*), New England Aster (*Aster novae-angliae*), Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)

### Nature Benefits

- Host plant for the Pearl Crescent butterfly and Silvery Checkerspot butterfly
- Attracts many different native bees and butterflies.

### Native Habitat

Occurs naturally in fields and meadows.