



## New England Aster

*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*

### Growing Information

- Sunlight: Sun, Part Shade
- Soils: Average to moist
- Bloom Time: Deep violet to pink flowers appear in August, September
- Size: 3-4ft in height

Two adaptations of being a meadow plant are that it wants to grow tall and the lowest leaves will die out at the bottom. However, it can be pinched back a few times before mid-July so it will blossom on shorter stems.

### Garden Companions

Small Yellow Wild Indigo (*Baptisia tinctoria*), Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), Anise Scent Goldenrod (*Solidago odora*), Little Bluestem Grass (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)

### Nature Benefits

- Supports pollinators in late summer fall when they need sustenance most.
- Host plant for the caterpillars of the Pearl Crescent.
- Songbirds and small mammals eat the seeds.
- Supports bee specialists in the *Adrena* genus.

### Natural Habitat

Occurs in meadows, old fields, and stream banks.