



Blue Wood Aster / Heart-leaved Aster

Symphyotrichum cordifolium

Growing Information

- Sunlight: Partial shade, full shade, full sun
- Soils: Medium to medium-dry soil conditions
- Bloom Time: Light blue flowers in September, October
- Size: 3ft in height; 1-2ft spread

Blue Wood Aster has a wonderful array of dainty blue flowers that attract butterflies and bees. It is an excellent fall bloomer in a perennial border when others are starting to fade. It also makes an attractive cut flower and is a great naturalizer at the edge of woods.

Garden Companions

Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*), Blue-stemmed Goldenrod (*Solidago caesia*)

Nature Benefits

- Root system is an effective erosion control on hillsides.
- Offers nectar and pollen for butterflies and bees.
- Supports specialist Adrenid Bees.
- Host plant for Pearl Crescent butterfly caterpillars.

Natural Habitat

Occurs at the woodland edge, upland meadows, and forests.