



## ***Aster sagittifolius* – Arrow Leaf Aster**

COMMON NAME: Arrow leaf aster

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Aster sagittifolius* The Greek word for star is *aster* and *sagittifolius* refers to the shape of the leaf.

FLOWERS: There are large showy clusters of blue, light blue, violet, or white flowers.

BLOOMING PERIOD: late August to October

SIZE: up to six feet tall

BEHAVIOR: Grows erect with thick arrow-shaped leaves. Each leaf is heart-shaped at its base.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: It does best in dry-mesic forests where there is moderate shade and fairly dry sandy loamy soil.

NATURAL RANGE: Pennsylvania to eastern Iowa, south to Georgia and Tennessee, all of Wisconsin.

SPECIAL FEATURES: This species is not very common in most native plant communities, although it can be found in a fair number of them. Look for these plants in upland woodlands, thinly wooded bluffs and savannas.

SUGGESTED CARE: tolerates some disturbance.

COMPANION PLANTS: Wild Geranium, Tick Trefoil, Hog Peanut, Enchanter's Nightshade.