



## ***Aster ptarmicoides* – Upland White Aster**

COMMON NAME: Upland white aster, upland white goldenrod, prairie goldenrod

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Aster ptarmicoides* (recently reclassified as *Solidago ptarmicoides*). *Solidago* is the Latin name for goldenrods and *ptarmicoides* means “to cause sneezing”.

FLOWER: Dense flat-topped white clusters

BLOOMING PERIOD: August to September

SIZE: 1 – 2 feet tall

BEHAVIOR: Compact growth.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Full sun and limy soil. This aster is found on steep hillsides with limestone bedrock; bare mineral soil. It’s a good plant for rock gardens.

NATURAL RANGE: Vermont, western Quebec to Georgia, west to Saskatchewan, Wyoming, Arkansas. It is found in prairie areas in much of Wisconsin.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Flowers are attractive and it develops lovely, silvery seedheads.

SUGGESTED CARE: Plant only where the site requirements are met in dry, gravelly, limy soil in full sun.

COMPANION PLANTS: Little bluestem, prairie dropseed, dwarf blazing star, flowering spurge, old field goldenrod, shooting star.