



## ***Symphyotrichum novae-angliae* – New England Aster**

COMMON NAME: New England Aster

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*

FLOWER COLOR: purple to magenta

BLOOMING PERIOD: late August until hard frost

SIZE: 3 ½ to 5 feet

BEHAVIOR: A beauty, but reseeds readily and may thus become aggressive by dominating small plants.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Has a wide tolerance of soils and light conditions, but does best with more acidic soils. It is good for full sun exposure but will tolerate some shade and drought in gardens.

NATURAL RANGE: Southern Alberta to Quebec, Maryland, North Carolina west to Kansas and Colorado. It is found throughout Wisconsin.

SPECIAL FEATURES: An excellent plant for migrating monarch butterflies and other fall butterflies. The seeds attract goldfinches and other winter finches.

SUGGESTED CARE: Requires little attention once established. Deer do not bother this plant.

COMPANION PLANTS: Marsh milkweed, mountain mint, golden alexander, shooting star, big bluestem, switchgrass, prairie phlox, stiff goldenrod.