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Smooth Blue Aster

Symphyotrichum laeve

Light: Full Sun, Partial Sun

Soil: Sand, Loam, Clay

Moisture: Medium, Medium-Dry, Dry

Benefits: Pollinators, Butterflies, Birds, Deer Resistant,

Host Plant

Height: 3'

Blooms: Aug, Sep, Oct

Zones: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Color: Blue, Lavender

Spacing: 18"

Root: Rhizome

Smooth Blue Aster has attractive and numerous flowers with leaves that are smooth to the touch. The stems are thick and tough allowing it to stay upright through the blooming period. With blooms in late summer, it's a great source of nectar for pollinators and works well in a home or border garden.

Native to the Keweenaw, this aster is a host plant for the Pearl Crescent Butterfly and the Wavy Lined Emerald Moth. It is included in the list of plants that are of special value to native bees published by the Xerces Society.