## Symphyotrichum novae-angliae

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## New England aster

Light Requirements: sun, part-sun

Soil Moisture: dry, moist

Soil Description: acid, rich, average

Height: 3' - 6'

Recommended

Spacing: **18"-24"** 

Bloom Time: August, September, October

Bloom Color: purple, pink, lilac

Hardiness Zone: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Additional Tags: colonizing, cut flowers, deer

resistant, pollinator favorite

No garden can be complete without the late-season splash of color provide by asters, and *Symphyotrichum novae-angliae* is one of the showiest of the lot. Towering at up to 6' under optimum conditions, it is also among the tallest native asters. With flowers correspondently large (up to 2" across) and a blooming period of up to 2 months, this species will leave a long-lasting impression.

It is easy to grow and adaptable. It will thrive in full to part-sun, and moist to average soil. Due to its height, it will tend to flop over without the support of neighboring plants. To lessen this tendency, or to avoid the need for stacking, plants can be pinched back repeatedly until about mid-July to encourage a more compact and robust form.

