



New England Aster

Symphyotrichum novae-angliae

Plant Description – native, herb/wildflower, deciduous, perennial

Height: 3 - 6 ft **Width/Spread:** 2 – 3 ft



Leaves

Shape: Lanceolate

Arrangement: alternate

Margin: entire/ smooth

Form: simple

Leaf Description: hairy; broad base and pointy tips

Flower/Bloom

Flower Color: pink, purple

In Bloom: Aug - Oct

Flower Shape: radiate/ ligulate

Flower(s) Description: Each flower on individual stalk; flower head is about 1.5 inches wide with 40 or more bright petal-like ray flowers around a central yellow disk;



Fruits & Seeds

Spreads via: Seeds, Rhizomes/ Roots

Seed Type: Dry seed pod

Seed Season: Late Fall/ Winter

Fruit and Seed Description: Papery-brown bracts surround nutlets

Ecological Benefits

Food source for Butterflies, Caterpillars (Pearl Crescent, Checkspots) Native Bees, Birds

Maintenance Notes

Dormant in winter; divide every several years to keep vigorous growth; prefers moist soil (*water three times per week*)