

A Grow Native! Top 10 List

FEATURED CATEGORY:
**TOP 10 NATIVE ASTERS
FOR HOME LANDSCAPING**

Colorful flowers for late summer • Food for migrating monarchs

Note: The genus Aster has been split into three new genera, Eurybia, Ionactis, and Symphyotrichum.

	NATIVE PLANT NAME	HEIGHT	SUN/SHADE	UNIQUE QUALITY
1	Aromatic aster <i>Symphotrichum oblongifolium</i>	2-3 ft.	Sun/pt. shade	Dry to average soil. Blooms late. Mounded.
2	Flax-leaved aster <i>Ionactis linariifolius</i>	8-10 in.	Pt. shade	Requires acidic rocky soil.
3	Glossy-leaf aster <i>S. puniceum</i>	4-6 ft.	Sun	Tolerates flooding. Rain gardens.
4	New England aster <i>S. novae-angliae</i>	3-5 ft.	Sun	Average to moist soil. Tolerates clay.
5	Purple aster <i>S. patens</i>	2-3 ft.	Sun/pt. shade	Prefers dry acidic soil.
6	Prairie aster <i>S. turbinellum</i>	3-4 ft.	Pt. shade/sun	Dry to average soil. Part shade.
7	Sky-blue aster <i>S. oolentangiense</i>	3 ft.	Sun	Dry to average soil. Spreads from seed.
8	Smooth aster <i>S. laeve</i>	2 ft.	Sun/pt. shade	Well-drained dry soil.
9	Southern prairie aster <i>Eurybia hemispherica</i>	1-2 ft.	Sun	Best in well-drained soil. Slow suckering.
10	Willow-leaved aster <i>S. praealtum</i>	3-5 ft.	Sun	Average to moist soil. Fast suckering.

Note: This list was created by Scott Woodbury, based on his many years of experience and observations as the Curator of the Whitmire Wildflower Garden at Shaw Nature Reserve. The plants on this list are not in ranked order.