

Plant Facts

Fall Aster *Symphyotrichum oblongifolium*

Other Common Names: October Skies, Aromatic Aster, Texas Aster



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General Information

As its name implies, the fall aster blooms in fall providing a colorful display when other flowering plants may have run out of steam. The plants mound around 2 to 3 feet by sending out stolons. Native to the Midwest and eastern United States, fall aster grows 1 to 2 feet tall. Prune in June by 1/3 to force bushy growth and increase flower production. The stems are slender and rigid and the leaves at the bottom are larger than leaves at the top.

Characteristics

Hardiness Zones: 7-8

Heat Tolerance: High

Size: 1-2 feet tall by 1-3 feet wide

Flowers: Medium violet-blue flowers about 1 inch in diameter with slight scent

Bloom time: September to first frost

Leaves: Short narrow leaves, rough texture

Pests and Disease Problems

Disease and pest resistant

FALL or AROMATIC ASTER

Symphyotrichum oblongifolium

Native Perennial

Pollinator Friendly



Sun / Part Shade



Water: Low, drought tolerant

1-2' Tall x 1-3' Wide

Color: Lavender-blue with yellow centers

Bloom: Fall

Super Spreader slowly colonizes by stolons, thin to control

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Plant Care

This is a wonderful plant for North Texas. It is suitable for sunny locations but adapts to lightly shaded areas. It is drought tolerant and has no pest or disease problems. After blooms have died back, cut plant back to the ground. It is very easy to divide after blooms die back, and divisions will bloom the next fall. Plant throughout your garden for lovely fall color. Asters tolerate acidic, rocky, or sandy soils. Thin regularly to control spread.

Warning

None

Sources for Additional Information

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. [Fall Aster](#)
 Texas Smart Scape. [Fall Aster](#)