

## Fall Aster - *Symphyotrichum oblongifolium*

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



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### 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

**Grown by a Denton County Master Gardener**

### General Information

This perennial aster blooms in Fall, providing a colorful display when other flowering plants may have run out of steam. The plants spread by sending out stolons (modified stems that grow horizontally along the ground). Prune plants 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 at the top.

### Characteristics

**Hardiness Zones:** 7-8

**Size:** 1-3 ft w x 1-2 ft h

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

**Bloom time:** September to first frost

**Leaves:** Short narrow; rough texture

**Growth Habit/Shape:** Subshrub/mound

**Soil Requirements:** Well drained; adaptable

**Propagation:** Seeds; division; cuttings in late Spring

**Indoor/Outdoor:** Outdoor

### Pests and Disease Problems

Disease, pest, and deer resistant

### 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. It is very easy to divide after blooms die back, and divisions will bloom the next fall. After first frost, cut back to the ground for overwintering. Plant Fall Aster throughout your garden for lovely fall color. Plants tolerate acidic, rocky, or sandy soils. Thin regularly to control spread.

### Sources for Additional Information

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

[https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id\\_plant=SYOB](https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=SYOB)

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