

NEW ENGLAND ASTER

SYMPHYOTRICHUM NOVAE-ANGLIAE

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

 Size

3 - 7' high, 2 - 3' wide

 Sun/Shade

Full Sun

 Water

Medium

 Maintenance

Medium

 Life Span

Perennial, Zones 4-8



 Description

Symphotrichum novae-angliae, also known as New England Aster and is formerly known as *Aster novae-angliae* is a host plant for butterfly caterpillars including the Monarch and is a great addition to any pollinator garden. It grows best in full sun in moist soils with blooms August through October of large purple flowers with yellow centers. This plant has a fuzzy stem and can be cut to the ground after flowering. The stems can also be pinched back before mid-July for more vigorous growing and taller plants may need to be staked. It is easily grown from seed and attracts bees, butterflies and the seeds are eaten by songbirds and small mammals. It is also resistant to deer. They are colorful additions to sunny gardens, rock gardens and larger sunny areas. Asters are susceptible to powdery mildew and wilt in poorly drained soils but have no serious insect or disease problems. They may occasionally attract slugs and snails.

Source: [NC State Cooperative Extension](#), [Missouri Botanical Garden](#)



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