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### PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

#### Size

0.5 – 2.5' high, 0.5 – 2.0' wide

#### Sun/Shade

Full Sun

#### Water

Medium

#### Maintenance

Low

#### Life Span

Perennial, Zones 4-8

#### Description

*Aster* is a genus of more than 180 species of perennials that all produce daisy-like flowers with yellow centers. The species all prefer moist, well-drained soils and full sun but come in a multitude of sizes and the colors range from white to pink, purple, red, blue and yellow. They bloom in summer and fall and propagate by division and stem cutting. The taller varieties may need pinching off of spent flower stems to promote bushiness and they can be cut to the ground after flowering. Asters attract butterflies and other pollinators as well as songbirds for their seeds. They are colorful additions to sunny gardens, rock gardens and borders. 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-Little Carlow](#)



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