

Hosted Species

Pearl Crescent (*Phycoides tharos*)



Silvery Checkerspot (*Chlosyne nycteis*)



Canadian Conia Moth (*Sonia canadana*)



New England Aster is also a nectar species for numerous bees, ants and flies.



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New England Aster (*Symphotrichum novae-angliae*)

Host plant for two butterflies, a moth; nectar plant to many insects.

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Range of New England Aster in the United States and Canada.



Habitat

New England Aster prefers places that have full sun such as meadows, fields, disturbed areas, and roadsides. It is often found with goldenrod (*Solidago* spp.).

Description

New England Aster is a herbaceous perennial that grows from 3 to 7 feet tall. The opposite, simple, serrated leaves range from 3-6 inches in length and 1-3 inches in width. The brilliant purple flowers bloom in the late summer to early fall.



Alternative Names

Michaelmas Daisy

Hardy in Zones: 4-8

Taxonomic History

New England Aster (*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*) was originally described by Carl Von Linnaeus in *Species Plantarum* (1753). After going through a succession of names, it was renamed to *Symphyotrichum novae-angliae* in 1995. It is a member of the Aster Family (Asteraceae).



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