

Symphiotrichum oblongifolium



Plant of Merit

Common Name: aromatic aster

Species Native to Missouri

Type: Herbaceous perennial

Family: Asteraceae

Native Range: Northeastern and central United States

Zone: 3 to 8

Height: 1.00 to 3.00 feet

Spread: 1.00 to 3.00 feet

Bloom Time: August to September

Bloom Description: Blue, purple

Sun: Full sun

Water: Dry to medium

Maintenance: Medium

Suggested Use: Ground Cover

Flower: Showy

Leaf: Fragrant

Attracts: Birds, Butterflies

Tolerate: Drought, Erosion, Clay Soil, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil

Tolerate: Deer (per GrowNative.org & one experienced IBK gardener)

Culture Easily grown in average, dry to medium, well-drained soil in full sun. Does well in sandy or clay soils. Generally tolerates poor soils and drought.

Noteworthy Characteristics *Symphiotrichum oblongifolium*, commonly called aromatic aster, is a Missouri native plant that typically occurs on limestone glades, slopes, prairies and dry open ground. A bushy, stiff, compact, low-growing plant with hairy stems. Typically grows 1-2' (infrequently to 3') tall and features small, daisy-like flowers (1" across) with violet blue rays and yellow center disks. Rigid, toothless, oblong, blue-green leaves (to 4" long) are, as the common name suggests, fragrant when crushed. Good cut flower. Attractive to butterflies.

Source: <https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder>