

Description

Native status: Oklahoma

Straight species: Yes

WETLAND STATUS: Great Plains- No Indicator (NI)

Genus: Solidago Species: ptarmicoides Family: Asteraceae Life Cycle: Perennial

height- 1'-2' White bloom

*Host plant- Wavy-lined Emerald (Synchlora aerata) larvae.

Attracts bees, butterflies and other pollinators.

Songbirds feed on seeds. Goldfinches love to eat the seed.

Prairie aster is a herbaceous perennial wildflower and part of the Solidago (Goldenrod) genus. Mass of white flowers. Reported to hybridize in the wild with other goldenrods, but not with other asters.

A hardy plant easily tolerates drought and dry soil. The Prairie Aster prefers full sun, although it accepts some light shade. This plant does self-seed and spread in the garden and to prevent it from taking over, you should remove flower heads prior to the ripening of seed, which will help prevent seed dispersal. Stems may be cut to the ground in late fall.

Symphyotrichum oolentangiense 'Skyblue aster